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'There's still life left in our regeneration company'

Despite just one of its projects getting the go-ahead, council leader insists development partnership will work

By Jenna Pudelek

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COUNCIL leader Bob Atwood has ruled out an end to the controversial Tunbridge Wells Regeneration Company.

The member for Rusthall denied that relations between the borough council and its partner in the joint venture, developer John Laing, were strained, after plans to turn Great Hall Car Park into offices were scrapped.

With proposals to redevelop the civic complex on hold, and those for the car park axed – at a rumoured six-figure cost to taxpavers – the former council offices in Cranbrook is the only site, out of 38 earmarked for development, moving forward.

But Cllr Atwood was not ready to pull the plug on the delivery vehicle, which was launched in 2008, despite mounting criticism over its cost and the fact it is yet to regenerate anything.

We are certainly not looking to end our partnership with John Laing. Clearly it has not been fully tested and it won't be until one or more of the various projects gets under way.

"We have no intention at all of splitting from the company, but we will always be looking to make sure it performs. If it does not then we will think again.'

He said the cabinet's decision last week to suspend work indefinitely on Great Hall was a "matter of normal contractual negotiations" and had not caused a rift between the regeneration company and council administration.

The decision is likely to come as a welcome relief to the 1,500 residents and



Emma's marathon effort

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Golden hopes for the Games

PARALYMPIC table tennis player from Tunbridge Wells shares his dreams of medal success in next year's London Games.

Hopes are high as the 22-year-old, who has a rare disorder that affects his joints and muscles, is ranked world number two. PAGE 3

REGENERATION

Response to cinema plans

SEE readers' reactions to deputy council leader David Jukes' ideas to turn Tunbridge Wells' top 'grot spot' into a cultural and civic hub.

The councillor's concept for an iconic building with a museum, art gallery and library have, so far, been broadly welcomed. PAGE 5

Penshurst crafts show

THE historic stately home between Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge is set to showcase 200 top crafts people from across the country.

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REGENERATION

Parking spaces too important to lose, says leader

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businesses who signed a petition to save the car park.

"It was our view that it would be too risky to lose the car parking spaces," said Cllr Atwood. "That was the prime consideration whatever the financial penalties."

He said the recently completed urban parking strategy had not found there was a shortage of spaces in the town. But councillors decided spaces at Great Hall would be in demand in the future when the Morrisons site is redeveloped. He said despite the recession, more people are



LEADER: Cllr Bob Atwood

using cars and relying less on public transport, which was also a consideration.

Criticism of the regeneration company has often focused on the cost to the council. It has emerged that if plans to redevelop the civic complex do not move forward, the council is liable for a £50,000 indemnity.

Suspending work on Great Hall will also have a financial impact on the council, which would include the repayment of any costs incurred by the company and any interest that had been accumulated.

The actual figure was discussed by councillors behind closed doors, due to commercial sensitivity, but the amount is said to be some £100,000.

"There are ways in which any liability we've incurred could be discharged by setting it off against a future construction of another car park," Cllr Atwood said.

"We cannot really go into detail as it is a matter of negotiation with John Laing. But in the context of any figure up to £100,000, you have to be aware that if the Great Hall was pulled down and rebuilt as an office block in the short term, while it was not earning any revenue at all, we would be losing well over £100,000 a vear in income.

"The provision of adequate

parking is paramount.

He added: "It has been a difficult few months for my administration. Great Hall is a good instance where we've listened to the public and their desire for adequate parking, and that is what we've delivered."

Meanwhile, the long-awaited shareholders' agreement for the regeneration company is set to go public on the council's website tomorrow, Friday, August 12. Despite calls for the document to be published in full, it will be an edited version. with an explanation about why the redacted passages have been excluded.

HEALTH

'Give us cash to ensure new health watchdog has teeth'

By Jenna Pudelek

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CAMPAIGNERS in Kent have called for more money from the Government to support the new NHS watchdogs.

The county has been chosen as one of the first to develop a Local HealthWatch organisation designed to champion the views of patients.

It will be developed from the work already carried out by the Kent Local Involvement Network (LINk), but will have extra powers and responsibilities.

But the plans have already faced criticism nationally because they are given no extra funding and the money which does exist is not being ring-fenced.

The chairman of the national association of LINks said it was a "recipe for disaster" for the system to be launched without resources.

John Ashelford, a west Kent governor for the Kent LINk, shared the concerns.

"The chair [Malcolm Alexander] has rightly flagged up that we cannot do it all for nothing, we need funds," he said.

"We will be supporting the request for the Health Secretary Andrew Lansley to consider giving us extra funds." HealthWatch schemes are the lat-

est attempt to involve the public in the NHS. Mr Lansley has said they will "give patients and carers a real say over how their local health service is run".

Kent is among the first batch of 75 'pathfinders' before HealthWatch schemes replace all LINks in October.

Mr Ashelford, who lives in Tonbridge and is a former chief executive of Hospice in the Weald, was enthusiastic about the county's LINk being chosen.

"We think it is a good opportunity in the sense that it demostrates that we are one of the better LINks," he said.

He said Kent LINk had been lucky because while its funding from Kent County Council has not increased, it

has not been dramatically cut. Nationally, local authorities have cut the networks' budgets by an average of 24 per cent, some by as much as 50 per cent.

But HealthWatch organisations will be asked to do more without extra cash.

Mr Ashelford said: "The concern is that we are largely a group of volunteers. The Government is planning for us to take on more areas of responsibility including advocacy, looking at complaints, and signposting of services.

"If we are going to be asked to do more, and I'm not suggesting that we do not want to take this on, we need to have resources to carry out the work.

"It will still be very economical for the Government to have this done by HealthWatches.

He also backed calls for the funding to be ring-fenced: "The money needs to be marked up for HealthWatch, so it does not raise the risk of the local authority adding it to their own requirements.'

It is early days, but the HealthWatch bodies are set to monitor the NHS as finances are under strain, which is sure to be a lot of work.

Mr Ashelford believed members should have a presence on the clinical commissioning groups and health and wellbeing boards that are part of the NHS reforms.

He added: "It is how we will have joined-up working, otherwise we are just an isolated group and not using all our experience.

"Therefore if we can have a representative of our HealthWatch on all these various boards the people will have a voice, which is what the Government have said they want."

John Fletcher, who chairs the Kent LINk, added: "The work of HealthWatch in Kent will make a crucial difference to the way health and social care services are delivered and that is what the county's people want and need."

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SPORT

Our Paralympic table tennis star's golden dreams for London 2012

By Jenna Pudelek

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A PARALYMPIC table tennis player from Kent has told how he is gearing up for the London Games with a gruelling training schedule.

Will Bayley, 22, was born with a rare disorder called arthrogryposis that causes joint contractures and muscle weakness, which has affected his legs and arms.

Currently ranked second in the world, he is one of the favourites for gold at next year's Paralympics and has been training from 9am to noon, and 3-6pm daily.

Mr Bayley, who is from Tunbridge Wells, said: "Tve got a really good chance of getting a medal, but anything can happen. Everyone is training really hard. I cannot wait for the London Games.

"Hopefully I'll get lots of people there from my area, cheering me on, if everyone is there it'll spur me on to get that extra point in the match every time they clap."

For Paralylmpians like Mr Bayley it can be a constant battle to get sponsorship and he is hoping to secure more funding so that he can go to extra tournament abroad.

"I've been training really hard and I'm thinking about going to China," he said. "I'm training full-time in Sheffield at the moment, which is the national centre for table tennis.

"China is a really good place to train. Everyone plays table tennis there."

Table tennis, or ping pong, has also seen a recent surge in popularity sparked by trend-setters in London, New York and Berlin. Tables have been popping up in trendy bars and clubs everywhere. Hollywood star Susan Sarandon set up a ping pong members-only club in New York, and in Berlin the sport has even inspired its own fashion range and designer stores.

Mr Bayley, who has been promoting the Paralympics on Channel 4 appearing on Olympic Dreams and the T4 website, said: "I think it's getting popular in England. It's actually the second biggest sport in the world, which you don't really think about in England. But in Asia it is such a big thing.

"I like it because it's fast and it's fun. There are



lots of different tactics. I like all racket sports, but I was best at table tennis."

He started playing aged 12 after being diagnosed with cancer as an eight-year-old. After years of chemotherapy, his grandmother bought him a table tennis table to keep him active during his recovery and it has now turned into a full-time vocation.

Mr Bayley said his disability mainly affects his legs where he has limited movement, he said: "It makes me a bit slower but I make up for it with gym work."

He represented Great Britain in the 2008 Beijing Paralympics, which has described as "unbelievable", saying: "To play table tennis in a stadium with 10,000 people was such a cool thing to do."

Mr Bayley was then ranked in the top 23 and has since won numerous gold medals at international opens. Now his sights are firmly set on London 2012.

POTENTIAL:

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CRIMI

Man found guilty of stabbing 18-year-old

A MAN has been found guilty of stabbing an 18vear-old in Tunbridge Wells.

Max Sparks, 24, of Durgates in Wadhurst, remains in custody after the hearing at Maidstone Crown Court and will be sentenced on September 1.

The jury found him guilty of wounding with intent, failing to surrender to police and failing to answer bail.

In July 2009, the 18-year-old victim, who was stabbed five times in the face and body, with one wound in his back measuring 7cm long and up to 2cm deep, had been out in Tunbridge Wells for the evening with three friends, the court heard.

Outside the former ABC cinema on Mount Pleasant Road, they were confronted by two men who made abusive comments and a fight took place.

EMERGENCY

Firefighters called as petrol poured on blaze

A MAN suffered serious burns to his leg, arms and face after a bonfire exploded in Cranbrook.

Kent Fire and Rescue Service was called to a garden in Chalk Lane just before 9pm on Wednesday. The man had poured petrol from a watering can onto the fire in an attempt to burn garden waste.

He was treated by paramedics before being taken by ambulance to the Kent and Sussex Hospital in Tunbridge Wells and has since been transferred to East Grinstead, which has a specialist burns unit.

WOODLAND

Young people share their views on revamp

AN ADVENTURE play area and woodland dens are among young people's ideas for the redevelopment of a housing estate in Sherwood.

Town and Country Housing Group has been consulting residents of all ages on their proposals for a £34 million transformation of the Greggs Wood Road area.

Young people were invited to walk around the lake and open spaces, and were asked their views on what they would like to see there.

Ideas included creating games areas in the green spaces, using wood from the woodland to create play areas and adventure features, a play fountain outside the TN2 community centre and marked



OUTDOORS: A place to enjoy

paths and interpretation boards in the forest.

Children and teenagers use the woods and lake for fishing, hanging out with friends and "getting away from it all" when they feel stressed, they said.

Town and Country's regeneration manager Brendan McGowan said: "The young people were great, they were bursting with creative ideas but also gave us some useful insight as to how they currently use the lake. What was really clear was just how important the woods and lake area are to all generations and that's what makes this project so exciting as we can help people to protect it and improve it for future generations to enjoy."

Residents who want to find out more about the redevelopment plans can contact Mr McGowan on 01892 523464 or e-mail brendan.mcgowan@tchq.orq.uk.



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ROAD SAFETY

Speed pilot does not go far enough, say campaigners

By Jenna Pudelek

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ROAD safety campaigners have welcomed a new scheme to trial 20mph zones around primary schools, but say it does not go far enough.

In what is being seen as a victory for people power, Kent County Council has agreed to a pilot initiative to lower the speed limit around six schools in Maidstone.

And it could pave the way for other towns to trial 20mph zones where there is support from residents and councillors, such as Tunbridge

Kent Green Party has been leading a campaign for the lower speed limit in residential areas throughout the county, which has widespread support.

However, KCC is reluctant to introduce blanket 20mph zones.

"We think it is brilliant that KCC has finally started to accept we are right," said Hazel Dawe, a Tonbridge residents and chair of the county's Greens. "Unfortunately it is a very limited scheme and just outside schools. We want a blanket 20mph zone in all residential roads, particularly in towns, across the county.

"KCC have finally listened to the people, but

we would like them to go much futher."

cost £4million to enforce 20mph zones around Kent. But Dr Dawe said: "Speed

limits are self-enforcing. If all residential roads are 20mph everyone will drive much slower. People are clamouring for this.

KCC was unable to say how long the Maidstone pilot, which will come into force next year, would last.

In Tunbridge Wells, 20mph zones have the support of the borough council's portfolio holder for transport, Cllr Brian Ransley.

He said the new Tunbridge Wells Transport Forum would hold its first meeting in September, and will be an op-

portunity for councillors and residents to bring forward suggestions such as lower speed limits.

Cllr Ransley said these would then go to the joint transport board, which would be responsible for bringing them to the attention of KCC.

But Dr Dawe said there was more work to The highways authority has argued it would be done convincing councils of the benefits of

20mph zones and ending the county's "Top Gear attitude" towards cars.

There seems to be a peculiar attitude to the car in Kent, particularly in the west," she added. Councils seem reluctant to do anything that might marginally impact on people's ability to diver fast and park anywhere they like.

"There is a real Top Gear attitude towards cars but we need responsible, safe drivers.

"I am amazed at the reluctance of councils to do things that are obvious and that residents would welcome.

"Councils which are cardriven do not give enough at-

tention and resources to public transport, so it is an imperative for people to use cars. But if councils believe public transport is important they put in the resources, so it is easier to get everywhere by public transport."

'Distressed' woman prompts scam alert

BUSINESSES and residents have been urged to be vigilant after reports of a woman pretending to be "distressed" conned money from people in Tunbridge Wells.

On Tuesday, a woman went into a business in Sutherland Road appearing to be distraught and saying her boyfriend had been injured in a car accident in London and she urgently needed money to get there.

She was refused any cash and the police were called. Last Wednesday she was given £20 after going into a pub with the same story

The woman is around 20, white, of slim build, with long dark hair, a tatoo on her wrist and well

She may be with another girl, or have a child with her

DISORDER

Police clampdown leads to six arrests

SIX men from London have been arrested in Sevennaks

Police said the men, who had travelled by car. were asllegedly equipped for burglary. The arrests early on Wednesday morning were part of a clampdown on disorder by Kent Police in response to the violent riots elsewhere in the country.

Small groups were dispersed in Gravesend, where five were arrested for minor criminal damage, and Chatham.

REGENERATION

Cultural hub plans welcomed to improve cinema grot spot

PEOPLE in Tunbridge Wells have welcomed the deputy council leader's ideas to trawnsform the derelict cinema site into a community and cultural hub.

Cllr David Jukes, portfolio holder for property and major projects, revealed his concept for the Mount Pleasant Road grot spot, which includes a museum, art gallery and theatre.

His ideas have drawn from the past with an iconic building inspired by the prehistoric High Rocks and a water feature nodding to the town's spa status.

Cllr Jukes said he welcomed any input from residents and local organisations.

Resident Edward Baker said the concept was "visionary, exciting and worthy of any forward-looking town". However, he was concerned that Cllr Jukes wanted to use the site as a replacement for the current Town Hall

Meanwhile, Katharina Mahler-Bech said the idea to include civic functions on the site was what she and her late husband, Daniel, a founding member of the Royal Tunbridge Wells Town Forum, had long-envisaged.





In 2004, Mr Bech saw the potential for redevelopment of the former ABC cinema to include modern, purpose-built Town Hall facillities.

Another resident congratulated Cllr Jukes on his ideas saying they hoped the plans

COMMUNITY: Cllr David Jukes came up with the idea

would be supported by the council, adding "the sooner the

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council's administration sees the cinema site as a top priority and has revealed its intentions to renew its offer for the buildings. It is also investigating the possibility of imposing a compulsory purchase order.

A last-minute bid was put in for the site by the council last summer, but it was unsuccessful. Agent Savills had been marketing the property for offers in excess of £8 million.



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News

World record riding bid to raise cash for hospice

By Jenna Pudelek

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A HORSE-mad fundraiser is setting out on an epic 28-hour ride to support the Hospice in the Weald.

Emma Whittington, 24, from Frant, is also hoping to break the world record while raising money for the Pembury-based palliative care centre.

Her ride, which will include hacking and schooling, will take place at Bedgebury Park Equestrian Centre in Goudhurst, on September 17. Miss Whittington said: "I

think I am beginning to agree with everyone who says I must be mad. Secretly I am really looking forward to it and thank everyone for their support.

"A very close family friend spends time in the hospice and the support they have given him is priceless. I hope that any money I raise will go towards helping and supporting more people and their families.

Miss Whittington is aiming to raise £1,500 in much-needed funds for the hospice, which needs to raise £5 million every



SADDLE: Emma

Whittington plans to spend 28 hours horse riding to raise funds for the Hospice in the Weald

year to keep providing free, individualised care for patients, their carers and families.

Her ride will begin at 8am. From 7pm, entertainment including a hog roast, DJ, rodeo bull and bar will be available at the equestrian centre and she is hoping people will come and support her, and keep her awake for the duration.

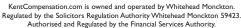
She added: "Please come and join me in the evening to help keep me awake.'

Hayley Brown, corporate and community fundraiser at the hospice, said: "We are delighted Emma is doing this and in such a unique, and hopefully record-breaking way. She is an inspiration, showing that there are lots of different ways people can raise money for us.

If you would like to read more about Emma's ride, or want to donate, visit her Just Giving page, www.justgiving. com/Emma-Whittington-HW.

Or to buy tickets to the event, you can email info@emma events.co.uk. If you would like to read more about Hospice in the Weald, visit www.hospice intheweald.org.uk.

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Thief locked up after being caught on CCTV

A 29-year-old from Tonbridge has been jailed for metal theft and a string of other offences.

Nathan Mahoney, of Whetstead Road, Five Oak Green, pleaded guilty to theft, possession of cannabis, and failing to surrender to bail at Sevenoaks Magistrates' Court, on Monday.

He asked for a further count of theft to be taken into consideration.

Mahoney was sentenced to 90 days in prison with referral to Crown Court to activate his 12 month suspended sentence. He received a concurrent sentence of 90 days for theft of metal, 90 days for possession of cannabis and seven days for failing to surrender to bail, when he failed to appear for his first hearing at court.

Mahoney stole scrap metal from outside a business in Acorn Close in Five Oak Green twice and was caught on CCTV.

Temporary Chief Inspector Simon Wilshaw said: "I hope this result sends a message that metal theft will not be tolerated. We have a dedicated operation to this particular issue.

"Metal theft may seem a crime without victims but it can have devastating consequences and can cause serious disruption. Stealing cabling can result in power cuts, which could be catastrophic for hospitals, or leave rail passengers to face significant delays

"We are asking people to be vigilant. If they see anything suspicious or any suspected criminal activity at scrap metal dealers and around derelict sites, building sites and business/industrial parks we urge people to report it to the police immediately. Targeting those who steal, deal and trade in scrap metal will help us clamp down on this growing crime.'

FVFNTS

Historic Pantiles to host fashion festival

BILLED as bringing a little of London's trend-setting Spitalfields to historic Tunbridge Wells, the Pantiles is set to host it first Fashion Festival.

Local fashionista and blogger Lady M, aka Rachel Montague-Ebbs, has teamed up with the Association of Pantiles Traders for the event this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, August 13-14.

Stalls selling clothing, handbags and jewellery will be available. There will also be a series of alfresco fashion shows throughout the weekend in the Georgian shopping parade alongside style and beauty masterclasses.

"It's exciting to bring fashion to The Pantiles," said Ms Montague-Ebbs.



"There are some great designers and brands out there that we can't wait to share with the fashion-conscious of Tunbridge Wells."

The line-up includes Mint Velvet, vintage styling by Carol Riggs, seasonal makeup by Powder and Glow, Joules fashion show, and a Gently Worn Vintage show.

"Tunbridge Wells' south, with the Pantiles, Chapel Place and the High Street is a destination shopping area with a regional pull," added Richard Simm, chair of Pantiles traders. "With an eclectic and increasing array of independent boutiques and a fashion-savvy population, a Fashion Festival seems a perfect fit."

Up and coming designers should email ladym@ladympresents.co.uk or anyone interested in booking a stall should email markets@pantilestraders. co.uk for more information.

Ms Montague-Ebbs' online fashion magazine can be viewed on her website at www.ladympresents.co.uk.

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FDUCATION

Expedition to explore remote Iceland glacier

By Jenna Pudelek

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A STUDENT from west Kent is set to embark on an expedition to study a distant ice plateau.

Clare Howes, 21, who is from Brenchley and studies geography at Durham University, is part of a seven-strong team of second year students, who will set off on the month-long trip on Monday.

The team will drive daily from their base camp to the glacier Klofajökull in Iceland, which, due to its unaccessible nature, has not been studied for some 15 years.

Led by Dr David Evans, a glacial geomorphologist from the university, the research trip has been funded by a £10,000 bursary from Land Rover. which includes the loan of a Defender 110 off-road vehicle, awarded by the Royal Geographical Society.

On their return to the UK, the Glacier in a Greenhouse team will develop materials



COLD COMFORT: Clare Howes

to present in schools with the hope of inspiring future glaciologists. They will also work with past busary winners to produce recommendations on the challenges to working in extreme environments.

Miss Howes, who is the expedition's medical officer, said: "It is testament to the rugged terrain and sometimes severe weather that a destination such as Iceland still offers relatively unexplored areas.

"We hope that our study will complement past and future research into glaciers and their importance as barometers for changing climates.'

The rest of the team includes Will Lake (expedition leader), David Benhamou (deputy expedition leader), James Thomas (treasurer), Nicola Ledsham (equipment officer), Sian Evans (transport officer) and Victoria Winterbottom (secretary).

Dr Rita Gardner, director of the RGS, said: "This project, made possible through our 25-year partnership with Land Rover, shows the power of geography and the dynamic environment it creates. The team will, as well as 'going beyond' their normal limits and boundaries, be supporting one of the Society's objectives which is to promote the wider understanding of our world."

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Biggin Hill's hopes for extra flights during the Olympics are dashed

By Jenna Pudelek

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AIRPORT bosses have been left "extremely disappointed" after proposals for extra flights during the Olympics and Paralympics were rejected by councillors.

The operator of Biggin Hill Airport said the decision was a missed opportunity to showcase the airport to visitors and maximise business opportunities in the future.

Bromley Council said it was "not convinced" the benefits outweighed the impact of additional flights on residents.

The revised proposals put forward by the airport, which were rejected on Monday, included allowing arrivals for an extra hour in the mornings and evenings, from 6.30am until 10pm, on weekdays. At the weekends, the airport wanted extra opening for an hour in the mornings, one hour on Saturday evenings and two on Sundays and the August bank holiday.

Jenny Munro, managing director of the airport, said: "I am extremely disappointed because we listened carefully to the feedback from the last consultation and the revisions reflected accession to virtually all of it, including no precedents."

"I will welcome the day, when the council, ourselves, and our residents are fully aligned behind a sustainable business which represents a good news story in these days of economic and social challenges. I am convinced we will get there, because we all have a responsibility to the 300,000-plus members of this borough and the local economy, not just the few airport objectors with whom I am very willing to engage."

The council received 1,741 responses to a consultation on the proposals with 60 per cent (1,046) against and 40 per cent (690) in support.

Cllr Stephen Carr, leader of Bromley Council, said: "We listened carefully to the case put before us and we were simply not convinced.

"We just do not believe that the benefits being spoken about were strong enough when compared to the adverse impact of additional flights.

"We continue to see a viable airport which is commercially successful.

Ms Munro added: "Our way ahead now is to make the best of the Olympics opportunities that remain in conjunction with our stakeholders and business partners. We will be on hand at the Family Open Day on September 10 to discuss any questions related to our Olympics operation and job opportunities."



GROUNDED:

Biggin Hill bosses said the council's decision not to allow extra flights during London 2012 is a missed opportunity





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Win pair of tickets for spectacular musical tribute to Royal Air Force

THE beautifully manicured gardens of Chartwell, sloping down to the ornamental lake, make the perfect setting for a musical salute to the Royal Air Force, on September 3-4.

Chartwell, the former residence of Air Commodore Sir Winston Churchill, will be brought to life by this patriotic celebration of the role of the Royal Air Force – Yesterday and

Today.

The Central Band of the RAF will take pride of place for this twilight concert, supported by displays of historic and modern RAF aircraft, archive and modern film footage, special effects, and guests stars Stacey Solomon and Fiona Howell. Men and women of today's RAF will join in a celebration of the service culminating in an uplifting finale.

Gates open at 3pm and the concert begins at 6.15pm. Refreshments will be available to buy, but you are welcome to bring your own picnic, chairs and blankets. Dogs are not allowed other than assistance dogs.

A limited number of tickets are available priced at £33 per person, plus a £2 booking fee per order. Tickets and further information is . available from www.synergyeventsuk.com or by calling 01689 300005.

We are offering five lucky readers the opportunity of each winning a pair of tickets for Sunday, September 4, by simply answering the following question:

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Crafts event showcase for handmade goodies

By Jenna Pudelek

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PICTURESQUE Penshurst Place will provide the backdrop for a fair featuring 200 top crafts people from across the UK.

Handmade objects from ceramics to glass, and jewellery to paintings, will be on offer at the Weald of Kent Craft Show from September 9-11.

British food and drink, live music, features and displays, and a show garden can also be found at the annual event set in the grounds of the historic stately home near Tonbridge.

The show garden has been designed by local companies How Green Nursery and Chilstone. It features eye-catching ceramics, bubbling water features and a selection of flowers and plants.

Sculptor Jane Robbins will be showcasing some of her "ethereal ice angels", which are made from tinted acrylic resin.

Her work is based on manipulating traditional figurative sculpture to create a contem-



UNQIUE:

200 top crafts people will be selling their handmade goods at this year's Kent Craft Show

porary medium. Her previous commissions include The Queen Mother.

Her cousin, Sir Paul McCartney, asked her to create a lfesize memorial sculpture of his wife, Linda McCartney, after her death from cancer. She has also sculpted a bust of the Beatles producer George Martin.

Local gardeners will be on hand to offer advice and the Good Food Live area is described as a "must-visit" for foodies with guest chef Paul Da Costa Greaves providing cooking displays.

Cheeses, gourmet nuts, marmalades, handmade chutneys, fudge and chocolates are among the produce on offer. There will also be tutored wine tasting.

Entertainment for young people includes falconry displays by TV presenters Leigh and Jo Holmes from The Hawking Centre in Doddington.

Workshops in woodturning, paper-making and ceramic painting are among other activities. Penshurst also has an adventure playground for little ones.



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CLEAN-UP

Cubit crackdown strikes again

POLICE have seized 14 untaxed cars across Tonbridge and Malling as part of Operation Cubit.

The cars were taken to a secure site under the joint initiative between police and agencies including Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council and the DVLA.

It aims to respond to the problem of untaxed or

abandoned vehicles, which can otherwise take time to be removed and meanwhile become a target for vandals.

If the car is removed the owner has to pay a fee and storage costs to reclaim the vehicle. If the owner does not claim the vehicle and pay a fine, the car will be crushed – or 'cubed'.

DEATHS

Men found drowned at lake

THE bodies of two men in their late 40s have been found in a lake near Sevenoaks.

Officers went to Longford Lake in Chipstead last Friday night, after reports that two men who had travelled down from London had drowned while swimming there.

The men, who were from Lewisham and Lee in south east London, were discovered just before 7pm. The circumstances are not being treated as suspicious and the coroner has been notified, police said.

HEALTH CARE

Hands-on experience will serve

By Jenna Pudelek

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AS A former nurse for people with learning disabilities, the new chief executive at Kent's mental health trust knows how tough it can be for staff on the frontline.

Bob Deans has taken over at the helm of Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust at a time of unprecedented pressures on health service finances and is quick to admit that he is concerned about the "shrinking pot of money".

He certainly faces some significant challenges while in the year-long, interim post based at the trust's offices in Kings Hill.

These include ensuring the organisation meets the tough criteria to gain foundation trust status, and finding the £13 million of savings needed, this financial year, to balance the books.

After just a few weeks in the position, he has already found that a major test of his leadership will be convincing patients and carers

about the quality of the trust's services.

Many people believe that mental health services do not get the attention they deserve and patients and their families still have to cope with the stigma attached to mental illness.

"We've got very good performance around our care programme approach," Mr Deans said.

"But that is not what we are hearing from patients themselves. We have got to do something about how we can improve the experience of service users that reflects the good quality way staff appear to be providing them."

He admitted that the communication between the trust and patients could be better.

"We need to build a dialogue that reflects their expectations and our capacity for meeting them.

"It is quite a deep cultural thing to pull off. I think it is about perceptions. Whatever people tell us about their perception we have to take seriously. But we also have to have an open dialogue with people about what is possible within the environment we exist."

Mr Deans also wants to improve the experi-

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I think people's experiences are really important and we need to find our way of matching their expectations with the resources we've got...

BOB DEANS, ON CHALLENGES TRUST FACES TO PROVIDE CARE







mental health chief well in new role

ence of those working for the trust, or 'staff engagement' in NHS management-speak.

Here he believes he can draw on his own experience as a nurse and some 35 years working his way up the health service ranks.

"I don't miss it, but I do remember it," he said. "So when I'm out meeting people on the frontline I remember what is was like and what I thought of managers. So I think I have an empathy with people.

His reason for leaving nursing for the often vilified world of NHS management was to gain more influence.

Asked if he was frustrated at the way he saw things were being run, he said: "When you are dealing directly with patients the most you can do in terms of influence is about $40\ \mathrm{to}\ 50$ individuals and you are doing a great job for those people.

"In my job there are some 1.6 million people across Kent and Medway. So I have more influence over how care is provided. You have to draw on your experience and principles.

He expanded on those principles, saving:

"They are around respect and dignity, being effective in everything you do and being effective in how you go about it, and I think treating people as you would like to be treated vourself

"Would I be proud of the services I provide, if I needed them or my mother, my wife or my son, if not, then what am I doing?

Mr Deans' approach would seem like an obvious one for anyone working in the health and social care sector. But as some recent and appalling examples outside Kent have shown in the care of the elderly and people with learning disabilities, this does not always happen.

During these times of austerity, the test will be whether patients in Kent agree with his sentiment and would recommend the care they received to those close to them.

He said: "I think people's experiences are really important and we need to find our way of matching their expectations with the resources we've got. Sometimes we cannot, but we need to be honest with people about what is possible.

Meanwhile, with the Government's controver-

sial NHS reforms "changing the commissioning landscape", the trust will have to face increasing competition from other providers and meet major challenges around efficiency savings

He would not go into figures, but there will also be some staff cuts at the trust.

"The public purse is effectively shrinking and we must live within our means," he said.

We will continue to reduce reliance on hospital-based care where it is not necessary. There will be consolidation of some of our hospitalbased services into centres of excellence.

For a hint of things to come, people should look towards the trust's new in-patient facility at St Martin's Hospital in Canterbury

The £10m facility, which opened last month, has centralised care in east Kent and treat patients from Dover, Deal, Thanet, Shepway, Ashford and Canterbury.

But a recent protest by carers over the closure of a 19-bed, in-patient ward at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford show people are still fearful of losing care closer to their homes.



TOUGH TASK: Bob Deans know what lies ahead

CRIME

Pair fined over £400 for littering

TWO litterbugs have been fined a total of £435 after dropping cigarette ends from a parked car outside Tonbridge station.

Laura Caden-Howe, from

Kingshill, and Zak Kenny, from Tunbridge Wells, were prosecuted at Sevenoaks Magistrates' Court on Monday after the offence in January this year.









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Win tickets to watch screenings of top films at iconic castle locations

KENT dealership, Canterbury Saab, is proud to be supporting The Nomad – Driven by Saab, a roaming pop-up cinema experience that is touring locations across the UK.

The dealership is supporting screenings in the stunning locations of Lympne Castle and Rochester Castle, where they'll be showcasing the action-packed Indiana Jones and the historic Ironclad, which tells the story of the Knights Templar fighting to defend Rochester Castle.

We've teamed up with Canterbury Saab to give six lucky readers the chance to join in on all the action. The dealership is giving away sets of five tickets to the Nomad screenings of Ironclad at Rochester Castle on Saturday, August 27, and Indiana Jones and the Raiders of The Lost Ark at Lympne Castle on Wednesday, August 31.

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Finding long-term cure for NHS

Health Secretary **Andrew Lansley** says the Government's proposals to change the NHS will give the public better choice over their health care

THE NHS is one of the things that make this country great.

Last Monday, I opened the new Hyper Acute Stroke Unit at the Princess Royal Hospital in Orpington and saw first-hand their work to improve care for people who have had a stroke.

Following a stroke it is vital that patients get fast access to specialist treatment.

The new stroke unit at the Princess Royal Hospital will mean patients will now be able to receive the specialist care they need – clot-busting drug treatment and high-tech CT scanning equipment in Orpington rather then having to travel to central London.

Today, 35,000 people die from a stroke every year and similar numbers of people are left with severe disability.

I was one of the lucky ones. Nineteen years ago, when I was 35-years-old and apparently fit and healthy, I had a stroke while playing cricket. I was in the outfield, went down to pick up a ball, threw it back and then found it hard not to veer off to the left.

Within half an hour, I couldn't stand up. Within an hour, I was in an ambulance.

The stroke only affected part of my cerebellum; I lost 'fine balance'. A problem for skiing or for tightrope walking, but not for daily life.

It is good to see real progress has been made on stroke care, but we know we have more to do.

The Face, Arm, Speech Time, (FAST) Test is widely recognised in prompting an emergency 999 call.

Thrombolysis (clot-busting drug treatment) for stroke is rolling out across the country and minor strokes get rapid follow up much more often.

But the plain truth is that we have an ageing population — combine this with the rising cost of medicines and we have

I was in the outfield, went a NHS that is under more presown to pick up a ball, threw it sure than ever before.

By 2030, the NHS will be doing an extra 50,000 hip and knee replacements and two million operations. Ignoring those huge challenges today, will mean a crisis tomorrow.

But what will this mean for those working tirelessly to save lives and improve health every day?

Doctors and their patients told us that under the current system, quality of care depends too much on where you live.

We will take action to stop that. We're giving doctors and nurses the freedom to tailor health services to suit their community's needs.

In the future, patients will have more power to influence services – by making simple choices about the care they want patients will drive improvements.

This means that services compete on quality with each

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Ignoring those massive challenges today, will mean a crisis tomorrow other so the patient chooses them.

This kind of competition is a good thing and can improve services for patients.

Those meeting the highest NHS standards will only be paid for the services they provide, so for the first time people will truly be able to demand 'no decision about me, without me'

Finally, we will increase NHS funding with £12.5 billion more for the NHS by the end of the spending review.

We're not cutting, but spending more – and every penny the NHS saves through greater efficiency will also be invested back into frontline care.

We're determined to deliver these changes.

Changes that the NHS needs, and patients here in Kent and across the country deserve.

Andrew Lansley, CBE, is Secretary of State for Health.

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Great Hall car park safe from demolition

VITAL parking places in Tunbridge Wells town centre are to be retained thanks to people power and a sensible decision by councillors.

Axing plans to turn the car park into offices is to be welcomed, but the decision has also highlighted the costs attached to the regeneration company.

The council is determined to proceed with the joint venture. Yet its benefits to the borough remain to be seen, making its existence up for debate.

Table tennis star's Paralympic dreams

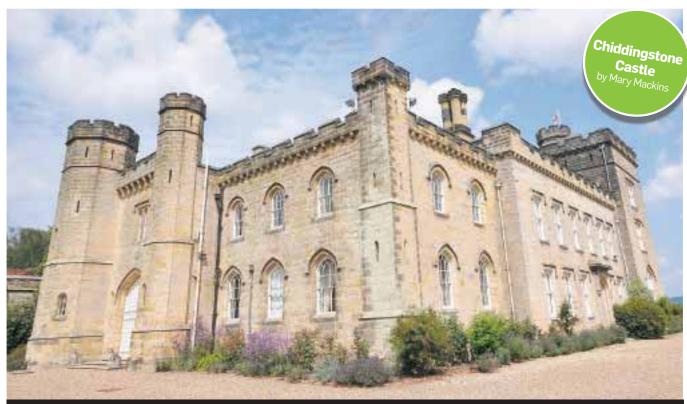
WILL Bayley's determination and commitment to success really is truly inspirational.

The table tennis champion from Tunbridge Wells has already overcome many obstacles towards achieving his dreams.

It is a shame that our disabled sports stars do not get the same level of support as their able-bodied compatriots.

We wish him every success in next year's London Paralympics.





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Lib Dems are uninformed

THE publication of the TWRC shareholders agreement was originally requested by myself some months ago.

While I am unhappy that the process of checking and approving its release has taken so long, it has to be appreciated that it is a very long document and it had to be checked thoroughly by lawyers representing both parties to ensure that items that were commercially confidential were redacted.

For Cllr Chapelard to suggest this is "a convenient smokescreen" is nonsense.

It has been my Conservative administration's desire all along to get this document into the public domain as soon as possible.

Âny passages that are redacted for commercial reasons will have those reasons stated together with a brief summary of what the passage contained.

Cllr Chapelard should be aware this document is owned by the Regeneration Company, and both shareholders' consent was needed for its release. He should also be aware that there are other documents which this and all other councils process which are kept out of the public domain for reasons of commercial confidentiality.

This council keeps those documents, and 'exempt' committee sessions a minimum, but without this facility it would be impossible to have any contractual relationship at all with any private sector company.

As far as the full version of the shareholders' agreement is concerned, Cllr Chapelard can have the same access to it as any other member subject to the council's protocol relating to confidential documents.

Cllr Chapelard refers to a £50,000 indemnity agreement relating to the recent M&N report. If he had done his research, or indeed asked any relevant officer or cabinet member, he would have been reassured this was an entirely separate and one-off agreement relating to a report commissioned by TWRC but requested by the council. Under the shareholders'

agreement such consultation would normally have been undertaken at Stage Two (of the civic complex), but since it was requested at Stage One, an indemnity was entered into to be triggered in certain circumstances if the project does not subsequently enter the second stage.

I believe that, notwithstanding his political opposition, it is irresponsible of Cllr Chapelard to hint that there might be a sum of £2 million at risk if this issue was applied to other projects. The fact is that it does not apply, and simple research would have shown that to be true before the councillor decided to alarm the public.

I have no problem with straightforward political opposition, but statements in the Press that are simply uninformed surely have no place here. If Cllr Chapelard represents the face of the Liberal Democrat opposition in Tunbridge Wells, then I am getting a clear picture of what they are against.

However this town and borough has to move forward. Business, tourism and trade needs to be encouraged, houses need to be built. Health inequalities need to be addressed, as do many other issues. Perhaps Cllr Chapelard could tell us what he is actually 'for'?

Cllr Bob Atwood, leader of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

Blurred vision from Mr Jukes

CLLR Jukes' vision for the re-development of the derelict cinema site is to be welcomed: it is visionary, exciting and worthy of any forward-looking town.

The drawings look to the future in their design while acknowledging the past.

But, like his drawings, the redevelopment must not cost the public purse one penny.

If it involves public money, the plans – any plans, must be opposed. Cllr Jukes, like his colleagues, seems hell-bent on public acquisition.

Is Cllr Jukes though, guilty of an appallingly gauche sleight of hand when he says his plans could contain an art gallery, a museum and a theatre?

Separately he refers to a 'civic amenities site' as well:

from this, am I right to infer a replacement Town Hall and Civic Centre? Is Cllr Jukes a closet demolitionist?

Is Cllr Jukes attempting to get us, (the long-suffering public, deep-pocketed, seemingly endlessly tolerant and apparently richer than Croesus) to associate the demolition of the Civic Centre—which no-one wants—with the redevelopment of the cinema site, which everyone wants? Is he soft-selling demolition of the Town Hall, by promising us the cinema site? Does he imply we cannot have one without the other?

Given his role as portfolio holder for property and major projects, could he declare his position regarding the demolition of the Town Hall; is he for it, or against it?

I look forward to TWBC and County Hall complying with Eric Pickles' latest directive; that councils should publish a list of every piece of land and property owned by them – in trust to the public supposedly.

I then look forward to the plans for their disposal.

Edward Baker Hilbert Road, Tunbridge Wells

Inspired idea for grot-spot

CLLR Jukes has to be congratulated on his planned regeneration concept for this infamous grot-spot.

Lets's hope that he will get the council to support his idea.

The sooner the better.
'A supporter' (by email, name and address supplied)

Law change to stop abuse

IT IS appalling the workers at Cheale Meats slaughterhouse filmed allegedly being cruel to pigs cannot be prosecuted as Defra cannot use 'undercover' evidence.

Can the RSPCA help in bringing a prosecution? Are the management of Cheale Meats intending to take disciplinary action against these workers?

The recent exposure by the media of malpractice in care homes has shown that regulatory bodies do not adequately monitor facilities and are unable – or unwilling – to delve too deeply into reports of wrong doings by whistle-blowers or undercover reports.

Pre-arranged visits will never detect wrongdoings.

The Government says it intends to strengthen the rules protecting whistle-blowers, so perhaps it should also look at the rules governing Defra and similar bodies to enable wrongdoing to be prosecuted no matter how the evidence is obtained.

Bryan Collins, Staplehurst

20mph is on the right track

I REFER to an article in your July 10 newspaper.

I live in a residential road where there is all-day parking down one side of the road.

It is also in an area where there are three schools.

I would certainly support a 20mph speed limit in residential roads across Kent.

Sometimes it is dangerous trying to get out of the driveway with parked cars either side blocking the view of the road and, in addition, cars being driven fast without thought of people wishing to exit their properties.

Maureen Squires, Tunbridge Wells

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Help needed in bid to trace old account

Please can you help? I am trying to find a building society account that I opened in Diss, Norfolk, about 20 years ago. I have lost the account book and the problem is that I have been in touch with the likely societies in the area, and they have not been able to help me.

There has been a huge shakeout in the building society industry over the past 20 years or so. Some of the biggest societies became banks or were taken over by banks. Many of the rest merged with one another as it became harder and harder for small societies to survive. The most likely society to have your account is, of course, the Norwich and Peterborough. Over the decades, it has swallowed up lots of the old local societies such as the Thetford, Norfolk & Suffolk. Or there is the Cheltenham & Gloucester - now owned by Lloyds Banking Group. You might not think of it as having a big presence in the eastern counties, but in 1989 it took over the old Bury St Edmunds Building Society and its branches, A side-effect of the shake-out is that many people have lost touch with their savings. So, the banks, the building societies and National Savings have got together to make it easy to search old records of dormant and lost accounts. The database even includes old Post Office Savings Bank accounts. If you have access to the internet, visit www. mylostaccount.org.uk. Fill in the online form with as much information as you can, and records will be scanned for a match. If you do not have the internet, call Lynne Bartlett on 020 7520 5900 and ask her to send you a lost account leaflet and claim form. Complete the form. giving as much information as you can, such as your address at the time the account was opened. Staff will then carry out a free search of old building society accounts and accounts held by banks that used to be building societies

Despite a good credit record, no mortgage and two pensions, I was turned down by a loan company with which I have previously done business, on the grounds that I am now 70. Is it legal to discriminate on grounds of age?

If a business offers loans, it cannot discrimate on the grounds of race, religion or sexuality – but it is allowed to consider your age in deciding whether or not you could afford repayments, and even whether you will live long enough to repay the loan. Using your home as security will be cheaper than offering no security at all. But if you want to avoid a mortgage, then the simplest options are a bank loan or a credit card. Use a comparison service such as the one at www.mymoney24. co.uk to find the lowest interest.



I was interested to read the recent letter about money stranded in a small pension policy as I have £400 in a Winterthur Life pension plan. I cannot get it out except as £100 in cash and then £1 as an annual pension. This happened because my employer changed its pension provider from Aviva to Winterthur Life shortly before I was made redundant.

with the switch by most employers from final salary schemes to pension plans such as yours, where we all have our own pots of money, more and more people will be stuck with modest sums of cash that are left stranded. We are all told by the Government to save for our old age, yet the Government itself makes rules that mean a pension plan holding hundreds of pounds can prove virtually worthless. Perhaps if we demand a change through our MPs, a way will be found for even a small pension pot to be worth something.

In a recent answer about car mileage allowances for employees, you stated that for the first 10,000 miles a year of business driving, the tax-free allowance was 40p a mile. But an earlier report said this was increased in April to 45p.

My apologies. The letter we published was from a reader who had received her tax assessment for 2010-11. Her employer paid just 22p a mile when she used her car on business, and she wondered how to claim the remaining 18p of the tax-free allowance. I should have made clear that although the allowance was 40p, it has been increased to 45p a mile for 2011-12.

I was rejected for a bank account because I have no driving licence or passport. I am 19 and never had either, but I still need an account.

Unless you can prove who you are, banks regard you as a potential drug money launderer or terrorist. They face penalties if they open an account for someone who turns out to be one of these. But banks also accept a variety of other documents, such as an employer's ID card, utility bill, national insurance card or a student identity document.

■ If you have a personal-finance question, write to Tony Hetherington, MyMoney24, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE. Neither Tony nor the MyMoney24 team can enter into personal correspondence.

Figures are a boost for first-time buyers

By Ed Foss

MyMoney 24 writer

LATEST mortgage figures have shown the highest number of first-time buyers granted loans for nearly a year.

The figures from the Council of Mortgage Lenders relate to June. More first-time mortgages were granted in that month than have been granted for a period of 10 months.

But this week also saw renewed warnings about negative equity and people being unable to pay their mortgages.

One-in-seven people is struggling with repayments, according to new research by Which?

But of those, only a third have approached their lenders for help.

Options available to lenders include moving customers from a repayment to interest-only mortgage, allowing them a payment holiday, or allowing them to move to a different deal.

Which? executive director Richard Lloyd said: "With ongoing uncertainty about the economy, it's not surprising that many people are worried about their household finances.

"For some it would only take a small increase in mortgage rates to send them over the edge.

"If you're struggling with mortgage repayments then your first port of call should be your lender.

"It's not in anyone's interest for people to default on their mortgage, so it's important that lenders do all



GOOD NEWS:

Figures from the Council of Mortgage Lenders have shown that more first-time mortgages were granted in June than during any of the previous 10 months

they can to help their customers who are struggling with repayments."

The increase in loans to first-time buyers saw 18,100 mortgages approved in June. This is 24pc higher by volume and 29pc higher by value than in May.

The trend away from interest-only mortgages continues for all borrowers, with 87pc of house purchase loans in June taken out on a repayment basis, up from 86pc in May.

This is likely to persist as future home movers and remortgagers continue to take out future mortgages on a repayment basis.

CML director-general Paul Smee said: "Whilst there are clearly financial uncertainties ahead, it is encouraging to see more house buyers surfacing at the start of summer. "Recent increases in Bank of England approvals figures also show that more completions are expected in July, so the more encouraging numbers may persist for a while."

Chris Gardner, a director of mortgage broker Obligo.co.uk, said: "The June spike in first-time buyer mortgage advances reflects the surge in products at higher loan-to-values (LTVs) and the more favourable criteria of lenders.

"There are now plenty of competitive 90pc products in the market and we are also seeing more lenders move into higher LTVs, which is driving rates down further.

"In recent months, more lenders have even returned to the 95pc LTV range, although these products are still in relatively limited supply."



CRITICISED:

Swiss Air, part of the Lufthansa Group, is to introduce an 'optional pay-

Anger over air carrier's payment charge

A DECISION by a major air carrier to start charging travellers for paying by plastic has been branded "unbelievable" by a leading consumer group.

Lufthansa Group – which includes the Swiss brand – made the announcement about the so-called "optional payment charge" just weeks after the Office of Fair Trading ruled that such behaviour was unfair.

The OFT reached its conclusion following a super-complaint by consumer group Which?

Following Lufthansa's announcement, Richard Lloyd, executive director of Which?, said: "It's unbelievable that airlines have introduced these card fees just weeks after the OFT agreed with us that they are unfair and misleading.

"Just one simple change to the payment services directive would put an end to debit card surcharges for good.

"The Treasury must act quickly to do this before other airlines and businesses jump on the bandwagon and start charging these excessive fees."

INSIDE THIS WEEK

WITH the varying aspects of social media very much in the news right now because of its use by rioters - and also by those involved in organising clean-ups - this week we look at the advantages and pitfalls of Twitter, Facebook and their like in the workplace. Continuing with the online theme, we feature TV fashion expert Lynnette Peck Bateman and her very 2011 vintage clothing business. Although the clothes date back to the 1950s and 60s - and indeed even earlier - Lynette runs her business solely through the internet from her Sandwich home.

Then there is a report on how the Channel Chamber of Commerce is looking to increase help for new businesses and make its voice heard more effectively in support of east Kent companies

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Businesses face cyber attack risk caused by growing 'mob culture'

By Nick Ames

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A NEW breed of office 'mob culture' is driving a wedge between office-workers and management, leaving businesses across Kent vulnerable to security breaches, according to a new report.

ITogether, a network and security specialist, says that two-thirds of those surveyed used their own personal mobile devices such as iPads for work, with 67 per cent connecting them to their employers' IT systems.

But almost half (48 per cent) refused to comply with security measures, leaving their work systems vulnerable to cyber attacks and security breaches. Despite this, 36 per cent of workers still expected to have full, unfettered access to all their personal online accounts and social-networking sites throughout their working day.

"What we're seeing is a widespread 'mob' culture that's building up in the workplace as people's personal and work lives merge through technology," said Simon Richardson.

"Workers expect their employer to foot the bandwidth costs for their personal devices, enabling them to do online banking, or access Facebook, for example, but flatly refuse to conform to their work-security measures.

"This behaviour is exasperating businessowners and senior management. We all love our devices, but, especially given the spate of recent high-profile security breaches, everyone, not just IT managers, needs to take this issue seriously."

But the survey said there were also reasons for businesses to be cheerful. The research revealed that equipping workers with the latest smart devices improved motivation, made employees feel valued and increased company revenue.

Businesses in the county are increasingly reliant on platforms such as Twitter and LinkedIn to improve business efficiencies and strengthen communication, so business-owners will welcome the news that 76 per cent per cent of current workers admitted using their own devices to keep in touch with work outside office hours, meaning they were more likely to maintain focus on their jobs from day to day.

Furthermore, the research highlighted an opportunity to strike a mutually-beneficial balance between the management and the employee over the ownership and usage of these devices.

Surprisingly, half those surveyed would be



NOT BETTER CONNECTED:

With more and more employees using their mobile devices in the workplace, the chances of an online security breach are increasing for businesses happy to split the cost of a combined work and personal device with their employer, with each shouldering a portion of the contract and costs according to how the device was used.

Simon Richardson, co-founder and managing partner at ITogether, said: "Today, social networks connect people to the world around them and employees expect to be able to access their personal online accounts in the workplace.

"What is alarming is that, despite this, few companies have established formal processes for handling social-networking tools in the workplace. Even fewer have expanded this to mobile workers, or personal devices, compromising any previous investment that they may have made to secure their network or corporate image.

"The good news is that as a result of everdeveloping technologies there is a range of solutions available to help businesses safeguard themselves against security threats, from deploying cloud-based web firewalls to installing a 'dirty' network."

INVESTMENT

New wagon rolls as firm hits 90

ENGINEERING Company L Robinson & Co is 90 years old in 2011 and has taken a leap into the future by investing in a state-of-the art delivery vehicle.

The Gillingham company's new 7.5-tonne Fuso Canter was supplied by Mercedes-Benz dealer Sparshatts of Kent – the German manufacturer's UK dealer is also responsible for sales and support of the Japanese light-truck range

L Robinson & Co was founded in 1921 by former Royal Navy officer Commander Lumley Robinson, inventor of the Jubilee clip. His worm-drive hose-clamp is acknowledged as a design classic and is to be found in machines where hoses need to be connected.

The company produces a comprehensive range of clips and exports about half of its annual production across the globe.

L Robinson & Co's new truck not only meets European emissions limits but also the even more stringent Enhanced Environmentally-friendly Vehicle standard.



ALL-NEW START: Stephens & Son LLP have joined with Redfern Stigant

LEGAL

Law practices unite to streamline service

TWO leading legal firms have joined forces, saying they will be able to offer a more streamlined and effective service to both business and private clients across Kent.

Solicitors Stephens & Son LLP, based in Chatham, have merged with neighbouring firm Redfern Stigant.

Stephens & Son, founded in 1793, is one of the oldest legal practices in the Medway towns, while Redfern Stigant dates back to the 1890s, when Adam Stigant started a legal practice in Chatham.

The merger is a homecoming for Stephens & Sons managing partner Jacqueline Shicluna, who trained at Redfern Stigant before qualifying as a solicitor in 1988.

She said: "Both firms have operated virtually side by side for many years.

"It is our aim to continue to provide a friendly, efficient and professional service, using our combined strengths and expertise to better serve our clients' needs."

DEBT

Insolvency threat at 12-month low

BOSSES across the country say they are feeling more confident in recent weeks, with the number saying they are concerned about business debt and the threat of insolvency at its lowest level for a year, at 41 per cent.

These figures are from the insolvency trade body, R3, and its latest Business Distress Index.

But the positive news is rather clouded in the South East because the retail sector and smaller firms are less likely to be sharing in the relative improvements in business fortunes.

The South East has the highest number of VAT-registered enterprises in the country outside London, almost 330,000, according to the Office Of National Statistics

The R3 survey indicates that more than four-fifths are trading without debt or with low levels of debt that give them no cause for concern.

However, 6 per cent already recognise that they have debt levels that are a serious worry, and 11 per cent see it as a matter of concern.

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AWARDS

Building their own success

BUILDING design and construction company Directline Structures has reached the finals of the London and South East Constructing Excellence Awards for the second year running, winning a hat-trick of nominations.

The Ashford business beat a record number of entries to make the short-list in the SME Award, The Legacy Award - Sustainability and the Value Award categories for its sports-hall project at Seaford Head Community College in East Sussex.

The college, which faced spiralling costs after struggling to find a contractor that could meet its needs within budget. was on the brink of cancelling the project last year until the company stepped in.

It exceeded the client's original specifications and at the same time saved the college £300,000 and an estimated 30 tonnes of CO2.

Directline Structures will join other finalists at the awards ceremony at the Grange Tower Hotel, Tower Hill, London, on Friday, September 16.

NETWORKING

Entrepreneur wins Euro cash

THE Kent Foundation For Young Entrepreneurs has successfully applied for European Union cash to support its next research project, which will assist those attempting to get business ideas going.

The successful bid, worth up to 44,000 euros, was obtained by the group working with partner group Mission Locale - St Omer. It will explore the creation of a new support network to help business people in Kent aged 15 to 18.

Last year, a young entrepreneur from Canterbury, Charlie Artingstoll, approached the foundation for help in establishing the network.

A foundation spokesman said: "This is essential for the development of another Kent foundation service. With our partners in Nord Pas-de-Calais, the intention is to research how we might create an appropriate support network that, ultimately, may cross the Channel.'

RECOGNITION

Sustainability nomination

BRAKES, of Ashford, has been short-listed for the ICAEW (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales) Sustainability Award at the National Business Awards for the second time.

Winner in 2008, the catering company says the nomination shows it has continued to lead in the field of sustainability by being among 10 businesses selected for this year's final.

The award is presented to the organisation that best demonstrates a company-wide commitment and proven case for sustainability; its business model must show sustainable growth that has had a direct impact on profitability and financial performance.

Richard Spencer, head of sustainability at ICAEW, said: "Brakes demonstrates that sustainability is not at odds with profitability.

"ICAEW believes we must capture the enterprise of business to help us meet the challenges of the future - we are committed to promoting the case for sustainable business.

Kate's royal look at bargain prices

The **BIG** Interview

The owner of Lovely's Vintage Emporium, Kate Peck Bateman, says all of us can dress like a duchess for less if we just look out for the inspirational vintage items that make Prince William's new bride look so stunning



ashionguruLynnettePeckBateman, who runs an online vintage store from her home in east Kent, says that newly-wed royal Kate Middleton has become a style icon - and her newly-created business means the royal look is affordable to all.

She says fans wanting to re-create her look don't have to spend thousands of pounds - instead they can shop for older-style designs and get the 'Kate look' at a bargain price.

A designer dress worn by a celebrity which costs thousands if purchased new can be obtained for tens of pounds from vintage outlets.

Lynnette, who is married to TV Big Brother star Nick Bateman, has acquired several garments for her Lovely's Vintage Emporium of the sort Kate Middleton has been photographed in, now she is in the public eye.

She said: "Today Kate is a huge fashion icon, but six months ago she wasn't.

"You can get her look by shopping around for vintageclothing styles - you don't have to go to the same designers that she does. You can get her style by shopping on the high street for basics. After all, Kate shops on the high street, too. Then there is vintage, and I think that is the best option.

"In fashion, most designers' work comes from vintage clothing anyway. The industry employs style-hunters who look at what young people are wearing and look at what vintage designs there are before showing the results.

"The designers then make their creations – but of course they are inspired by what has gone before. So by searching out original clothing, people can get a particular look without having to pay

vast amounts of money.

BEAUTY: Kate's clothes may

"Vintage designs are even being worn by celebrities now, and that never used to happen. Iulia Roberts wore vintage on the red carpet at an Oscars ceremony and Cate Blanchett is another actress who has worn vintage items.

Recently, Lynnette has acquired a 1960s green wool dress with gold buckles similar to one worn by Kate for a formal appearance. There are also a more casual 1970s-style Radley purple jumpsuit as worn by Kate when meeting people and a Jaeger white polka-dot shirt worn in Canada - along with a stetson hat. In addition, she has a 1960s Courreges cream dress and a 1970s black-lace dress in the style favoured by Kate.

Lynette said Kate had changed her look as she came more into the public eye.

"Kate really was not a fashion horse but obviously attracted attention when she became associated with Prince William," Lynnette said.

At first the Press were critical and using phrases such as 'new Sloane'. Lynnette says that Kate played it safe... and hasn't moved on hugely:

'Gradually her style changed, although not too much. She wears simple block colours - there is the occasional use of lace but in a stylish way. To be honest, I'd like to see her be a little more adventurous.'

Lynnette was also interested in the dress the new duchess wore for the wedding itself. She said: "Kate looked like a modern fairytale

princess. Thoroughly 21st century. William and Kate are not from the celebrity 'look at me' culture. Her dress was very Kate - elegant and stylish and not showing off. The veil wasn't stiff and formal, either. The choice of designer Sa-

rah Burton for Alexander Mc-Queen was a little edgy but a good one. There were several Alexander McQueen signatures - the heavy embroidery around the skirt and the peplum style around the hips.

"That was necessary as Kate is very slim and otherwise the dress would just have been a lace bodice and skirt. She obviously realised people needed something to look at, but it certainly wasn't like the dress Diana wore. I know it was the 80s, but that was all big fashion and big hair.

Lovely's Vintage Emporium (website www.lovelysvintage emporium.com) was founded by Lynnette, nicknamed Lovely by her friends. The team for the boutique includes Lynnette's husband Nick, a fellow vintage-ista who has been sourcing vintage watches and cufflinks for years.

Lynnette has worked as a magazine fashion and beauty director and editor for almost 20 years, with key roles at magazines including Cosmopolitan, Eve, Now, Vogue Australia, Saga and New Woman.

She has launched and edited magazines; styled celebrities such as Emma Bunton, Charlotte Church and Gail Porter, helping them look fabulous on photo shoots; presented on many TV and radio shows; and consulted for leading fashion and beauty brands.

During her career, Lynnette's passion has been vintage - from clothes to accessories, from her first 1950s pink-beaded cardigan bought at a market when she was 13, to a more recentlyacquired red Ossie Clark dress

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Hobbs of Kent

Channelling support for the start-ups

By Nick Ames

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THE Chamber of Commerce that represents companies across Shepway, Dover and Thanet is embarking on a major new flagship business support programme.

Don't Start Without Us is designed to give start-ups across east Kent the support they need to succeed in this tough economic climate.

The newly-branded Kent Channel Chamber of Commerce (formerly Channel Chamber) is also joining the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) network. Members say this will enable the group to add its voice to other chambers across the UK when talking to the Government as well as tap into expertise across the UK.

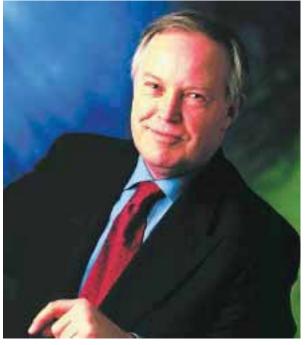
Kent Channel Chamber's first major initiative will focus on helping start-up businesses with a programme of added-value services and benefits. This coincides with the Government's New Enterprise Allowance, also being launched nationally this month with an offer of up to £2,200 for unemployed people to start their own business or become self-employed. It is particularly relevant to the area following the closure of Pfizer.

The Don't Start Without Us programme links new entrepreneurs with the east Kent business community through a range of business-to-business offers, worth more than £10,000.

The chamber is partnering several local companies, including printers, accountants, banks and independent advisers to provide a one-stop service offering everything a new business needs to get off the ground and survive.

Peter Hobbs, chief executive of Kent Channel Chamber, said: "It's vital for any new entrepreneur to get sound advice. As a chamber, we have been helping new businesses across east Kent to do this for many years.

"This programme combines this support with an exciting range of great-value services from local businesses that ensure new start-ups have the greatest chance for success. So I'm particularly pleased that we have been able to negotiate a package that can give new businesses up to £10,000 worth of savings".



Bev Duncan, HSBC east Kent business man-

ager, is supporting the move.

He said: "The closure of Pfizer at Sandwich is motivating a number of their employees to think about going into businesses for themselves.

"With funding now available through the New Enterprise Allowance for many other would-be entrepreneurs, Channel Chamber is uniquely placed to help support this market. Linking them to the business services they need from local providers is a win-win situation for everyone."

McCabe Ford Williams is one of the companies involved in this initiative.

A chartered accountancy firm celebrating its 75th anniversary this year, experts will be offering up to two hours' free advice on key issues such as taxation and employment.

John Shipley, partner at the company, said: "Starting out in business can be daunting, but there are many companies like us that can help.

"The Don't Start Without Us programme is an excellent way of bringing together the business community to support new entrepreneurs, and we are delighted to be part of it. We recommend other companies join us in participating."

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More empty commercial property and the future is looking bleak

THE level of unoccupied commercial property space continued to grow locally during the three months to June as an increasing regional variation became apparent across the UK, says the RICS UK Commercial Market Survey.

Seven per cent more surveyors in the region reported rises rather than falls in available floor space as fewer companies looked for space due to the economic downturn.

The South East market performed better than in many parts of the UK as strong differences in the levels of available space reflected the differing state of the market across the country.

As a result of this growing availability, the number of incentive packages offered by landlords to secure a letting in the region continued to increase during Q2.

Despite demand for commercial property in the South East remaining positive, surveyors appear pessimistic about rent expectations for the coming three months, reporting a net balance of -11. Furthermore, expectations for the region's office space were particularly bleak, with 14 per cent more respondents predicting falls rather than rises in rental values.

In keeping with the rather downbeat picture across the regional market, new development starts continued to fall in the South East, registering a net balance of -7.

By way of contrast, London was the only area of the country to report a positive reading, reinforcing the regional divide characterising the UK commercial property market.

Simon Rubinsohn, RIČS chief economist, said: "Broadly speaking, the rising amount of unoccupied floor space in the South East reflects the situation across many parts of the country, illustrating the markedly different economic conditions that separate the capital from the rest of the UK.

"Moreover, this starkly contrasting picture is expected to last for some time."

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Coming up roses for Notcutts boss

A GARDEN centre manager has won an Oxford Summer School scholarship worth nearly £2,000.

Matthew Ellis, who works at Notcutts Garden Centre in Maidstone, will learn from some of the retail industry's best minds at the week-long event later this month.

Among them will be Liberty chairman Marco Capello, Fortnum and Mason managing director Beverley Aspinall, and Peter Jones managing director Tony Wheeler.

Mr Ellis started with Notcutts seven years ago and has worked his way up from weekend cashier to manager of the centre's indoors department.

He said: "I am very excited about attending the Oxford Summer School. It is an excellent opportunity for me to further develop my skills and understanding of the industry.

"I'm especially interested in learning more about marketing and merchandising as it would make me a more rounded retailer. I'm looking forward to reporting back to my team."

Apprentice Kelli is top of her trade

AN APPRENTICE from Gillingham has been named top of her trade at the National Construction College (NCC) East annual apprentice

Kelli Randall, 19, who works for Skanska Construction UK Ltd Civil Engineering, was one of 17 youngsters honoured at the ceremony, which was hosted at the college's campus in Bircham Newton, Norfolk, late last month.

The ceremony was opened by NCC director Andy Walder

He said: "As Europe's largest construction training provider, we work closely with employers to meet their training needs and pride ourselves on delivering specialist training that will give businesses a competitive edge to help them succeed and grow. Training and providing highlyskilled apprentices forms a key part of this.

"Their apprenticeship, taught by highly skilled instructors in top-class facilities, will be the best introduction they could wish for into our exciting sector. We are confident they will go on to become the future success stories of our industry."

Trainees flying high at Biggin Hill Airport

By Steve Knight

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AVIATION companies with engineering operations at Biggin Hill Airport are supporting a new campaign to raise awareness of aeronautical apprenticeships.

The Resource Group is managing a two-year training programme which will enable successful candidates to achieve a range of relevant qualifications. with the first eight months taking place at Cotswold Airport in Kemble, Gloucestershire.

The final 16 months of the scheme will be at Biggin Hill, where the apprentices will be individually assigned to one of the participating companies to complete their initial studies with supervised practical work.

Managing director Jenny Munro said: "With a growing number of top quality aeronautical engineering organi-sations at the airport, the need to encourage and enable keen young people to train and realise qualifications under this new scheme is a vital component of local enterprise that will increasingly benefit the community.

"This is a golden ticket to the opportunities of the aviation industry and I am excited about what the future will hold for the apprentices who qualify within these arrangements.

'This year we are looking for five suitable candidates to launch the scheme. We expect the scheme to expand over the vears with increases in the size of the annual intake.'

Qualifications available to applicants include the EASA part 66A licence in certified maintenance mechanics, the NVQ Level 3 and City & Guilds 2661 in aeronautical engineering, and the NVQ Level 2 in performing engineering operations.

Candidates must have at least five GCSEs at A-C grade including maths, English and science, and must be enthusiastic about engineering, have a desire to work in aviation and be prepared to learn and work away from home.

The Resource Group has been working with large aircraft maintenance organisations across Europe for the past 20 years, and managing director John Larkin says the organisation is well positioned to support Biggin Hill in the placement of apprentices.

Resource Group managing director John Larkin said: "After our success with the Newquay Cornwall Airport apprenticeship programme earlier this year, we are delighted to be already under way with a similar programme for Biggin Hill.

"This is a much-needed local scheme to support future skills sets in aviation and to provide regional growth in the South East.'

The apprenticeship scheme is being funded through Semta's National Apprenticeship Agreement with the Skills Funding Agency

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College offers scholarships for low income students to learn new skills

THANET College is offering a limited number of scholarships for people wishing to study there from September.

The scheme will enable adults aged 19 and over the chance to have 95 per cent of their tuition fees paid for by the college when on a full-time course.

It is hoped the initiative will help those people who may be benefit-dependent, on low income or in receipt of working tax credits to retrain, and learn new skills

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis from applications received by the college's student support team.

Further help may be available to adult students who are on a low income, including financial help to pay for childcare, kit, equipment and travel costs.

The scholarships are available for all courses included in the college's full-time prospectus for 2011-12, which cover a wide range of subject areas.

These include catering and hospitality; business, admin and tourism; community and life skills; construction; creative and visual arts; education and science; engineering and computing; hair and beauty; English as a foreign language; health sports; and public services, and more.

Visit www.thanet.ac.uk or call 01843 605043 for more information.

Students get low-carbon skills training

PLUMBING and heating students at MidKent College will learn how to install the latest low-carbon technologies thanks to a £2,500 grant.

The cash has been donated by the Rochester Bridge Trust and has been spent on a new solar rig and air-source heat pump, which the youngsters will showcase at the WorldSkills International trades competition in October.

Stuart Nice, head of faculty for construction and building services at the college, said: "The solar rig and air-source heat pump are two brand new pieces of kit that will enable our building and services engineering students to work on some of the latest renewable appliances and technologies.

"The purchases will provide our students with the opportunity to work on sustainable installations and will also form an important part of a sustainability project we will be showcasing at the WorldSkills event

"Following the competition the new kit will remain at the college, where it will be used for sustainable installations training."

The Rochester Bridge Trust was founded in 1399 to maintain the stone bridge that crossed the River Medway and linked Rochester with

Over the centuries the organisation has also contributed toward the cost of bridges at Tonbridge, Yalding, East Peckham, Wateringbury and Maidstone, and more recently took a leading role in the construction of the Medway Tunnel that links Chatham maritime with Strood.



BUILDING BRIDGES: MidKent College staff

The trust, which is regulated by the Charity Commission, also distributes a number of community grants for projects ranging from the conservation of historic buildings to educational projects for disabled children.

Bridge clerk Sue Threader said: "The trust is committed to developing excellence in construction and engineering skills in young people.

"Supporting this project reflects the importance we place on the training and career development of people working in the science, engineering and construction sectors."

Sign language course to increase the complexity of students' skills

A LEVEL 2 British Sign Language course will be launched in Dartford next month.

The 32-week course will cost £500 per person, including the final exam fee, and will run on Tuesday evenings between 7pm-9.30pm.

An exact location has not yet been finalised for the sessions, which are being organised by the HiKent charity which has branches in Medway, Maidstone and Canterbury.

Course co-ordinator Nao-

mi Lemar said: "The Level 2 course enables students to develop their existing skills and the complexity of conversations is developed.

"Classes are taught in a relaxed and friendly setting by a qualified tutor. Our students enjoy this course and say that the skills they learn benefit them in both their career and personal lives.

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tion, assessment and provision of equipment to deaf and hard of hearing people, including specialist information and advice, assessment and provision of equipment to people aged 65 and over, resource centres to view equipment, and lipreading support groups

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For job description and application form please contact: Mandy Oliver, East Kent Medical Services Ltd The Spencer Wing, QEQM Hospital, Ramsgate Road, Margate, Kent CT9 4BG Telephone: 01843 234556 Fax: 01843 296333

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To hold a public local inquiry into the application

A copy of the Inspector's directions setting out the procedure to be followed for the submission of evidence and the format that the Public Inquiry will take is available on the County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/villagegreens.

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For further enquiries, please contact Miss Melanie McNeir on 01622 221628.

PROW - DISTRICT OF SEVENOAKS

NOTICE OF MODIFICATION ORDER

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH SR736, RIVERHEAD)

DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2011

The above Order was made on 28 July 2011 under section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. If confirmed, it will modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding Public Footpath SR736 which commences on Maidstone Road. At this point which commences on Maldstone Road. At this point there is a set of staggered barriers. The path runs in a southerly direction for 39.5 metres (between the Points A-B-C-D), then south south-easterly thence east north-easterly for 32.5 metres (between the Points D-E-F). Between the Points E-F there is a connection to Church Field. The path then continues to run in a south south ried. Ine pain inen continues to run in a south south-easterly direction for 20.5 (between the Points F-G-H). The path continues in a south south-easterly direction, thence west south-westerly direction for 11.0 metres to its connection with St Mary's Church Yard (between the Points H-J). Please see Part II of the Order Schedule for the Schedule of widths.

All distances are approximate, all directions are

A copy of the Order and Map may be seen free of charge A copy of the Order and Map may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at the offices of Sevenoaks District Council, PO Box 183, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1HG or at the Kent County Countly, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and Map may also be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order must be sent or delivered in writing to Laura Wilkins at the Kent County Council (address as below) no later than 27 September 2011. Please state the grounds on which it

If no such representations or objections are duly made to the Order (or to any part of it), or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council, instead of submitting the Order to the Secretary of State (or part of it if the Authority has by Notice to the Secretary of State so elected under paragraph 5 of schedule 15 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981) may itself confirm the Order (or that part of the Order). If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment (in whole or in part), any representations or objections which have been duly made and not been withdrawn will be sent with it.

PROW - District of Shepway

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH HL9 (PART) IN THE PARISH OF LYDD

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH HL9 (PART))

(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984. SECTION 14(1) AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Footpath HL9 (part) from Dungeness Road to the junction with Public Footpath HL8 (NGR TR 070 201) from 1st August 2011.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months. The path is to be closed because works are planned on or near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is via Dungeness Road, Kerton Road and Public Footpath HL8. Please note that access to the RSPB bird observation hide to the north east of Dungeness Road, adjacent to Public Footpath HL9, will remain open.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Edward Denne

PROW - Borough of Tonbridge and Malling

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH MT2 IN THE PARISH OF HILDENBOROUGH

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH MT2)

(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14 (1) AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpath MT2 (Old Cock Footbridge) at the junction with Public Footpath MT23 (NGR TQ 552 498) and the junction with Public Footpath MT9 (NGR TQ 550 498) from the 26th August 2011.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before 10th

The path is to be closed because there is a likelihood of danger to users

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Michele Snoding

PROW - BOROUGH OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS

NOTICE OF MODIFICATION ORDER

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH WC75 (PART) CRANBROOK)

DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2011

The above Order was made on 28 July 2011 under section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. If confirmed, it will modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by deleting that length of Public Footpath WC75 which commences at NGR TO 7896 3765 (Point A), 172 metres north north east of its connection with the A262 and runs in a northerly direction to the western side of the boundary. After 24 metres the path crosses an east-west boundary (Point X, NGR TQ 7896 3767) and continues to run to the western side of the boundary in a north through north easterly direction for 113 metres to its connection with the unaffected length of Public Footpath WC75 at NGR TQ 7897 3778 (Point B) and adding that length of Public Footpath WC75 which commences at NGR TQ 7896 3765 (Point A), 172 metres north north east of its connection with the A262 and runs in a northerly direction for 25 metres. At this point the path crosses the east-west boundary (Point Y, NGR TQ 7897 3767) and continues to run in a northerly

direction to the eastern side of the boundary for 109 metres to its connection with the unaffected length of Public Footpath WC75 at NGR TQ 7897 3778 (Point B). The Footpath has a width of 2.0 metres except at NGR TQ 7897 3770 (Point Z) where the width decreases to 1.8 metres for a distance of 1.0 metres.

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order and Map may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at The Tunbridge Wells Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 2AB or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX, Copies of the Order and Map may also be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order must be sent or delivered in writing to Laura Wilkins at the Kent County Council (address as below) no later than 27 September 2011. Please state the grounds on which it

If no such representations or objections are duly made to the Order (or to any part of it), or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council, instead of submitting the Order to the Secretary of State (or part of it if the Authority has by Notice to the Secretary of State so elected under paragraph 5 of schedule 15 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981) may itself confirm the Order (or that part of the Order). If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment (in whole or in part), any representations or objections which have been duly made and not been withdrawn will be sent with it.

Countryside Access Service Kent County Council Invicta House County Hall Maidstone ME14 1XX

Dated: 14th August 2011

The above notice(s) may be provided in other formats

For further information, please contact Kent Countryside Access Service, on 0845 345 0210 (Mon-Fri 8am-8pm) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccess



SUN STREET, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow the safe placement of scaffolding for essential bulding repairs, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Sun Street, Canterbury, on or after 3 September 2011 for up to 8 days or until the works have been completed.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

The road will be closed outside number 17.

The alternative route for through traffic is via via Burgate, Canterbury Lane, St George's Street, Lower Bridge Street, Broad Street, Military Road, Tourtel Road, Northgate, New Ruttington Lane, Union Place, Union Street, The Borough and Palace Street.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

CHURCH STREET ST MARY'S, SANDWICH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of ducting works in the carriageway, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Street St Mary's, Sandwich, on or after 30 August 2011 for up to 4 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed either side of the junction with School Road, as signposted on site.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Delf Street and Strand Street.

The alternative routes are

Northbound via Delf Street, Harnet Street and Strand Street.

Southbound via Strand Street, High Street, The Chain, Galliard Street, New Street, Cattle Market and Delf Street.

HAROLD PASSAGE, DOVER (RESTRICTIONS ON PEDESTRIANS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of footway surfacing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting pedestrians on Harold Passage, Dover, on or after 15 August 2011 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

This applies to the section from Maison Dieu Road to the steps at Harold Street.

The alternative route is via Maison Dieu Road, Taswell Street and Harold Street.

OLD PARK ROAD, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Old Park Road, Dover, on or after 20 August 2011 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed for its entire length.

The alternative routes are

Northbound via Crabble Hill, Whitfield Avenue and Brookfield Avenue

Southbound via Brookfield Avenue, Pioneer Road and

THE RISE, KINGSDOWN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on The Rise, Kingsdown, on or after 15 August 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Chalk Hill Road and Upper Street.

The alternative route is via Chalk Hill Road and Upper Street.

VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Various Roads, Dover, on or after 17 August 2011. as shown below. ST DAVID'S AVENUE, AYCLIFFE - between 2 St George's

From 17 August 2011 for up to 2 days

The alternative route is via St George's Crescent and St David's Avenue

SOUTH MILITARY ROAD, DOVER - between the A20 Western Heights Roundabout and the junction with Old Folkestone Road.

From 17 August 2011 for 1 day

The alternative route is via A2o Archcliffe Road, Limekiln Street, Snargate Street, York Street, Durham Hill, North Military Road, Centre Road and South Military Road

BUNKERS HILL, DOVER - between the junctions with Bunkers Hill Road and Oswald Road.

From 22 August for up to 3 days

The alternative route is via Hillside Road, Crabble Ave, Crabble Road and Crabble Hill

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Gravesham

WHITE POST LANE, CULVERSTONE (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on White Post Lane, Culverstone between Mountfield Close and A222 Wrotham Road.

The Order will become effective on 29th August 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 5 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: White Post Lane, Newlands Lane, A227 Gravesend Road and A227 Wrotham Road.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (CARING LANE, THURNHAM) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Caring Lane outside number 23 on or after Monday 15th August 2011 for a period of up to 4 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Caring Road, Otham Lane, A20 Ashford Road.

Stevens Construction Ltd apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to install a new manhole to connect to the sewer. Should you require any further information regarding these works, the contact is Barry Stevens on o 1892 730634.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (WATER LANE, THURNHAM) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Water Lane on or after Monday 15th August 2011 for a period of up to 2 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Pilgrims Way, Thurnham Lane. The Street.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for drainage improvement. Should you require any further information regarding these works, the contact is Jamie Finch on 08458 247 800.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

NORTH ASH ROAD (REDHILL ROAD), ASH CUM RIDLEY (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991 Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on North Ash Road (Redhill Road), Ash Cum Ridley.

The Order will become effective on 15th August 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 3 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Hartley Bottom Road, Pease Hill, The Street and Ash Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate carriageway patching.

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

SCHOOL ROAD, ACRISE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of water mains renewal works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on School Road, Acrise, on or after 16 August 2011 for up to 7 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Coach Road and Pay Street.

The alternative route is via Coach Road and Pay Street.

HIGHWAYS - District of Swale

DAVINGTON HILL, FAVERSHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Davington Hill, Faversham, on or after 1 September 2011.

The Start Date is approximate and follows on from completion of the works in Priory Road and will be notified to residents and by signage on site.

The works are planned for up to 4 weeks from once they start

Davington Hill will be closed between the junctions with Dark Hill / West Street and Brent Hill.

The alternative route is via Dark Hill, Priory Road and Davington Road.

GROVE PLACE, FAVERSHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Grove Place, Faversham, on or after 29 August 2011 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junction with the A2 London Road and Grove Close.

The alternative route is via A2 Ospringe Street, B2040 Ospringe Road, Lower Road and Wallers Road.

SEASALTER ROAD, GRAVENEY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Seasalter Road, Graveney, on or after 3 September 2011, as shown below.

The road will be closed from the property known as Fairview for a distance of approximately 40 metres northwards.

It is planned there will be 2 weekend closures of Seasalter Road on 3 & 4 September and 10 & 11 September 2011.

The alternative route is via Faversham Road (note 11' 6" height restriction), Joy Lane, Borstal Hill, Thanet Way, Head Hill and Head Hill Road.

This Order is in force for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

WHITSTABLE ROAD, GRAVENEY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

So that the connection point for a new water mains can be safely located, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Whitstable Road, Graveney, on or after 30 August 2011 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The A299 Thanet Way off-slip will be closed to westbound traffic at the junction with Whitstable Road.

This means there will no access for traffic from the A299 Thanet Way into Whitstable Road. $\label{eq:A299} % \begin{center} \begin{center}$

The alternative route is via A2 Canterbury Road, B2040 Love Lane and Whitstable Road.

Traffic can still enter the A299 from Whitstable Road.

HIGHWAYS – Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (CHURCH ROAD, OFFHAM) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Church Road, Offham on or after Tuesday 16th August 2011 when required for a period of up to 4 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via A20 London Road, Seven Mile Lane. Teston Road.

UK Power Networks and BT Openreach apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary to provide a new service and renew a telegraph pole. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact for UKPN is Scott Davis on 01732 783986 and for BT is Sam Ransley on 01795 420084.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (DEAKIN LEAS, TONBRIDGE) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Deakin Leas between Baltic Road and Pembury Road on or after Monday 15th August 2011 when required for a period of up to 2 weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via Baltic Road, The Drive, Pembury Road.

Particon CE Ltd apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary for traffic calming. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Ivan Bannister on 01233

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (THE HEATH, EAST MALLING) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on The Heath outside number 60 on or after Monday 15th August 2011 for a period of up to 5 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Pikey Lane, Broadwater Road, Clare Lane, Mill Street, High Street, Chapel Street, Wateringbury Road.

UK Power Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for a new electrical supply. Should you require any further information for these works, please contact Scott Davis on 01732 783986.

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



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THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (GLASSENBURY ROAD, CRANBROOK) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Glassenbury Road from outside Bull Farm Oast for 64m north on or after Monday 15th August 2011 for a period of up to 2 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Turnden Lane and A229 Hartley Road.

South East Water apologise for any inconvenience caused, which is necessary for reinstatement of the road surface, deep planing and machine laying of the road. Should you require any further information for these works, please contact Roshith Ahamed on 01634 276375

Katherine Kerswell Group Managing Director Invicta House County Hall, Maidstone Kent ME14 1XQ

Dated 14th August 2011

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate)



Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

11/02216/FUL Freshwater Cranbrook Road, Benenden
Variation of condition 4 of TW/06/00490/FUL - To allow use of annexe as a self contained holiday

variation of condition 4 of TW/06/00490/FUL - To allow use of annexe as a self contained let in addition to uses already granted (LB)

11/02194/LBC Brenchley Manor Brenchley Road, Brenchley

Listed Building Consent - Removal of the existing roof tiles, carry out minor repairs to roof timbers as necessary, replace tiles with a mixture of salvaged and re-claimed tiles; To inclurenewal of lead flashings and valley gutters (LB)

Walnut Tree Cottage Brenchley Road, Brenchley 11/02301/HOUSE Single storey and two storey rear extension and porch (LB)

11/01190/FULMJ Tunbridge Wells Garden Centre Eridge Road, Broadwater Use of existing hardstanding area as overflow car park; Demolition of two-storey building and erection of a single-storey extension for The Garden Centre Group (MAJOR) (DEVPLN)

11/01937/FUL
Strawberry Hill House 65 Broadwater Down, Broadwater
Traditionally constructed dwellings comprising 3 No.4-bedroom houses over three floors and 2 No.
2-bed and 1 No. 1-bedroom apartments (CA)

11/02139/FUL Land Between Dr Hopes Road & The Hill. Cranbrook and Sissinghurst Dwelling (LB) (CA)

11/02233/LBC Lloyds Bank House High Street, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst Listed Building Consent - Minor internal and external alterations (LB)

Third Type/HOUSE 12 St Johns Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden
Change of use from office (B1) to residential comprising 1 No. two-bedroom flat and 1 No. fourbedroom house with ancillary car parking; Formation of balcony with screen over existing flat roof
at rear; Demolish part existing lower ground extension to form small garden to Plot 1; Take out
existing window on upper ground floor and install a bay window to Plot 2 (CA)

11/02229/FUL Stable Cottage Little Bewl Bridge Farm, Goudhurst Change of use of western part from residential annexe to a holiday let cottage (LB)

Demolition of existing chimney and boiler room; Internal alterations; Two storey and single storey rear extensions and relocation of existing utility building with new glazed link (LB)

11/02258/LBC Beechurst Cranbrook Road, Goudhurst
Listed Building Consent - Demolition of existing chinney and boiler room; Internal alterations;
Two storey and single storey rear extensions and relocation of existing utility building with new
glazed link (LB)

11/02241/HOUSE Romford House Kings Toll Road, Pembury
Erection of solar panels on free-standing structure (LB)
11/01929/FULMJ Unit 3 Longfield Road, Sherwood
External alterations to front elevation and change of use of building to gymnastics academy (MAJOR)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications ((MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses

Jim KehoeHead of Planning ServicesTown HallRoyal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS



BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

Including family announcements in partnership with the Kent registration service

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For advertising announcement enquiries telephone Kent on Sunday on 01303 817150

BIRTHS

BAILEY

Nevaeh Beau born on 28th July, 2011, weighing 8lb 7oz. Daughter to Thomas and Jaime and sister to Tallulah in Minster.

BRACK

Paul and Claire Brack celebrate the birth of their son Leon Paul Brack on 18th July, 2011, weighing 8lb.

BUNYAN

Clare and Marcus are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Poppy Lyra who was born on 8th July, 2011, weighing 7lb 10oz. Much loved granddaughter and baby sister to Angel Sophie, who will watch down on you for always. xxx

CHATFIELD

Sarajayne and Richard are pleased to announce the birth of their beautiful son Marcus John Chatfield, born on the 26th July, 2011.

FROST

Neil and Michelle celebrate the birth of their daughter Phoebe Alice Frost on 22nd July, 2011, sister to Isla.

KRAUSE-SMITH

Jenson Gary Krause-Smith born on 18th July, 2011, weighing 8lb 7oz. Son to Gary Smith and Gina Krause. You are the miracle we will love and treasure

LANE

Paul and Jo are delighted to announce the birth of Harmony Rose Lane who was born on 22nd July 2011. Big sister Grace is thrilled to have a baby sister and enjoys singing to her. X

MANKTELOW

Emma Webster and Christopher Manktelow celebrate the birth of their daughter Rosie Manktelow on 16th July, 2011, weighing 6lb 15oz.

SEXTON

Stephanie Katerina born on 22nd July, 2011, weighing 7lb. Daughter to Edmund and Hana Sexton in Dartford.

SHEPHERD

Sara and Gary of Ramsgate are delighted to announce the birth of their son Benjamin George Shepherd, born on 2nd August, 2011, at William Harvey Hospital, Ashford. You are the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

WILKINSON

Marie and Ian of Ramsgate are delighted to announce the birth of their son Max Wilkinson. born on 24th July, 2011, at QEQM Hospital. Our most beautiful and precious son.

DEATHS

BANNISTER

We are sad to announce the sudden death of Lisa Elizabeth Bannister who died on 31st July, 2011. She will be

greatly missed by all her children and grandchildren and all who knew her. Rest in peace. Caroline, Danny, Candice, Louie and April.

BERGMAN

In memory of Doris "Dolly Dumpling" Bergman 1925-2011. Loving sister, wife, mother and aunt. Gone but not forgotten. In our hearts forever.

COX

Our wonderful mum and nan Lilian Violet passed away on the 1st August, 2011, aged 90 years, and will be missed and loved forever. Lin, Trev and their families, X

PRICE

Michael Price of Elham, formerly of Folkestone, passed away suddenly on the 1st August, 2011, aged 48 years A loved one is not gone until they are forgotten! And to live in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever!

Joseph Scott of Faversham passed away on 3rd August. 2011. Enquiries to Co-operative Funeralcare, Faversham, 01795 532498.

Gary Tiley Senior of Margate passed away on 5th August, 2011. Enquiries to Twyman and Holmes Funeral Directors, Ramsgate, 01843



THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL Town and Country Planning Act **Notice of Applications**

MA/11/0514/N - BARN AT GREENWAY COURT FARM, GREENWAY COURT ROAD, HOLLINGBOURNE, KENT, ME17 10D - Change of use and conversion of barn to B1 (a) office unit with associated access and parking. Reason: 1

MA/11/1060/S - THE RIDGE GOLF CLUB, CHARTWAY STREET, SUTTON VALENCE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3JB - Erection of single storey extensions to provide a beer store and two sun rooms, erection of a refuse store, new kitchen doors and hard surfacing for deliveries. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/1061/S - AMBULANCE STATION LOOSE BOAD MAIDSTONE KENT ME15 90B - Outline application for the erection of 14(no) dwellings and an Ambulance Community Response Post (ACRP) and associated works with access and layout to be considered at this stage and appearance, landscaping and scale reserved for future consideration. **Reason:** 6

MA/11/1099/S - PLAIN FARM, FIVE OAK LANE, STAPLEHURST, KENT - Retrospective application for the erection of a side extension to existing farm building. Reason: 1

MA/11/1130/S - 23A, HIGH STREET, HEADCORN, ASHFORD, KENT, TN27 9NH - First floor extension to

MA/11/1136/S - 23A, HIGH STREET, HEADCORN, ASHFORD, KENT, TN27 9NH - An application for listed building consent for a first floor extension to existing flat including internal alterations. Reason: 3

MA/11/1138/S - LAND ADJACENT TO CLAYGATE DISTRIBUTION WAREHOUSE, PATTENDEN LANE, MARDEN, KENT, TN12 9QJ - Erection of 2,716sqm warehouse building and associated landscaping MARDEN, KENT, TN12 works. **Reason: 6, 9**

MA/11/1147/N - 34, HIGH STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1JH - Change of use from A1 (retail) to A5 (hot food takeaway), Reason: 1, 2

MA/11/1159/N - MERRIAMS FARM, CARING LANE, LEEDS, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1TJ - Alterations to Hill Barn to form living accommodation renovation/replacement of long barn to form garaging and provision of link, all ancillary to existing dwelling. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/1160 - MERRIAMS FARM, CARING LANE, LEEDS, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1TJ - An application for listed building consent for alterations to Hill Barn to form living accommodation, renovation/replacement of Long Barn to form garaging and provision of link between buildings. Reason: 3

MA/11/1166/N - KINGS ARMS, THE STREET, BOXLEY, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 3DR - An application for Listed Building consent for internal alterations. Reason: 3

MA/11/1170/S - 3, MAXTED CLOSE, STAPLEHURST, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 OPU - Erection of a rear

MA/11/1181/N - THE OLD FARMHOUSE, CHATHAM ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 2ND - Erection of 2No. dwellings (Resubmission of MA/10/1418). Reason: 1

MA/11/1185/S - LESTED FARM, PLOUGH WENTS ROAD, CHART SUTTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3SA - Variation of condition 4 of permission MA/10/1591 to allow 30% of floorspace to be used for the storage of produce not produced within the administrative boundary of Kent. Reason: 6

MA/11/1201/S - 62, BOWER LANE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 8ED - Demolition of former Anchor and

Hope public house and erection of 3 three bedroom dwellinghouses. Reason: 1

MA/11/1202/N - KENT MUSIC SCHOOL, ASTLEY HOUSE, HASTINGS ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 756 - Application for approval of reserved matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to outline planning permission MA/10/0594 (Outline application for residential development with access to be considered at this stage and all other matters reserved for future consideration) seeking approval for the erection of 25 two, three and four bedroom dwellings with associated parking and access roads

MA/11/1206/S - CLOTHWORKERS COTTAGE, LOWER ROAD, SUTTON VALENCE, MAIDSTONE, KENT. ME17 3BL - Erection of a part single storey part two storey rear extension with roof terrace and provision of new vehicular access and driveway off Lower Road (Resubmission of MA/11/0614). Reason: 1, 2

- Reasons for advertisement key:

 1 Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
 2 Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
 3 Application is for Listed Building Consent.
- Application is Major Development
- 9 Application does not accord with the Local Plan.

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **28th August 2011**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. Dated: 14th August 2011

Planning applications



MAID TONE

tice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995 Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA//11/00343/FUL: 17A Hollow Street, Chislet, CT3 4DS Retention of existing building for use as residential bedsit, farm shop and communication centre with associated car park. Applicant: Gate Lodge Foundation Reason: Conservation area.

CA/I11/00952/FUL: Firwood Court, Bullockstone Road, Herne Bay, CT6 7NN Conversion of garage to self-contained annexe with single-storey flat roof extension to rear and glazed link to main house. Applicant: Mrs Amos Reason: Conservation area.

CA/I11/01026/LB: Walnut Tree Cottage, High Street, Fordwich, CT2 0DW Use of garage as studio/annexe. Applicant: Ms Taylor

n: Setting listed building in cons CA//11/01144/FUL: Land adjacent to Unit 33A Joseph Wilson Industrial Estate, Whitstable, CT5 3PS Erection of garage to provide

ambulance parking and formation of car park. Applicant: St Johns Ambulance Reason: Contrary to the development plan.

CA/11/01181/FUL: 19 High Street, Herne Bay, CT6 5LJ Change of use from restaurant (Use Class A3) to hot food take-away (Use Class A5) and replacement shop front. Applicant: S Miah Reason: Conservation area.

CAI/11/01246/FUL: 57 Sydenham Street, Whitstable, CT5 1HN Replacement plastic windows to front elevation. Applicant: Mr A Lambie

CA//11/01249/FUL: 1 Cherry Orchard, Chestfield, CT5 3NQ Erection of conservatory to rear of dwelling. Applicant: Mr Cheeseman

Reason: Conservation area.

CA//11/01257/FUL: Marsh House, St Peter's Road, Whitstable, CT5 1SU Extension to and refurbishment of existing flat block to comprise six residential flats. Applicant: Mr R Probert Reason: Conservation

CA/f1101312/CAC: 3 Providence Place, Sturry Road, Sturry, CT2 0AA Demolition of single storey building. Applicant: Mr and Mrs Worrell Reason: Demolition of unlisted building in conservation area. CA//11/01340/FUL: Walnut Tree Cottage, High Street, Fordwich, CT2 0DW Use of garage as studio/annexe. Applicant: Ms Taylor Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area

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THE **INTERVIEW**

Laurie Mansfield

The greatest time of their lives

The producer of Sixties musical Dreamboats And Petticoats reveals to **Ed Hill** how the hit show harks back to when people 'expected less but probably enjoyed themselves more'

REAMBOATS And Petticoats is a musical that takes audiences back to a more innocent age.

Set in the early Sixties, it includes many hits from the pre-Beatles era when rock'n'roll was becoming a big part of teenagers' lives.

Producer Laurie Mansfield said: "In those days the idea of a big night out was a pint of bitter and a Babycham. It was a much more innocent time, when people expected less but probably enjoyed themselves more."

The musical's origins are unusual. It came on the back of the success of a CD compilation launched by Universal Music.

"To their surprise, it sold more than 600,000 hard copies – not downloads," said Mansfield. "It was amazing considering it was music that was available in all sorts of compilations. They realised they had a title that really had legs."

Universal approached Mansfield and fellow producer Bill Kenwright to see if they would be interested in creating a musical based on the CD.

Fortunately, Mansfield knew the ideal writers to help create a script for the show.

He said: "I approached Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran, who wrote Birds Of A Feather. They found it easy to write because they were members of a youth club around that time, so they drew on their own nostalgia for the period. We had great music and two established writers creating the book. With hindsight it was a marriage made in heaven."

The show is set in a youth club in Essex. It involves the youngsters taking part in a song-writing competition while at the same time falling in love. Thirty-three hit songs from



artists such as Roy Orbison, The Shadows, Eddie Cochran and Billy Fury make up the score.

"They decide to write a song," said Mansfield. "Bobby the hero is infatuated with Sue, who is the youth club femme fatale, but then he meets Laura, with whom he is really in love. Into the mix is a guy who is a kind of Elvis character who is also vying for Laura's attention.

"It does have a proper story – it is not just a peg to hang the songs on. I think it would stand up just as a play."

The musical premiered at Bromley's Churchill Theatre in February 2009. It proved to be a massive success with audiences and critics, leading to extended West End runs and three national tours. Since then, more than a million people are thought to have seen the show.

Mansfield said: "The core audience who are from that time remember the music with great affection. For them it is a great way to relive that part of their lives. But it also attracts a lot of younger people. The thing about the music of the late 50s and early 60s is that it is just great



NOSTALGIC: The talented cast of Dreamcoats And Petticoats call on all their musical skills to bring early 1960s England back to life in the hit musical that was inspired by a successful CD compilation

fun. Music today takes itself too seriously. Music of that period just makes people come out with a smile on their face."

The show employs a large cast who call on their skills as musicians, singers and dancers.

"We have a wonderful company," said Mansfield. "We wanted a young cast. We weren't really looking for stars because we felt the music was the main attraction. All the music is played live. I guarantee everyone who sees it will have a good time."

Mansfield was familiar with the popularity of early rock music. He also produced the long-running musical based on the life of Buddy Holly, but even he has been surprised by the success of Dreamboats And Petticoats.

He said: "I have never done anything like this before. The only thing that sold a lot on disc before it became a musical was Jesus Christ Superstar.

"I know of no other compilation that has

spun off in this way. Many of the audience come along having already got the CD."

Mansfield defends musicals that are based on songs that have already been hits in the charts.

He said: "I hate the term 'jukebox musical'. The thing about theatre is there should be something for everybody. Shows like Dreamboat fulfil a need for a certain audience, but there will always be a larger demand for original musicals.

"Anything that brings people into the theatre is good. People want to go out and be stimulated by live theatre. It is a great and unique night out when you see actors and musicians having a real good time."

■ Dreamboats And Petticoats is at the Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells, from Monday to Saturday, September 19-24. Phone 01892 530613 or visit www. assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk for details.



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TALKING **POINT**

Primary schools

STUDY: KCC

chiefs hope the

planned Kent

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help improve

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OR the sixth year running, almost a third of primary school children in Kent have failed to meet national standards in English and maths.

While an increase has been seen in the number of children achieving the expected SATs level four benchmark year on year – with the exception of 2009 – the county's results continue to be lower than average when compared to national figures.

Education experts have been left baffled as to why, in a county where secondary pupils excel each year, primaries continuously fall behind.

The latest Department for Education figures showed that nationally 74 per cent of key stage two pupils – aged 7-11 – reached the expected level in English and maths this year.

In Kent Council Council schools, however, only 72 per cent achieved the anticipated results.

Despite this being an increase on the 70 per cent seen last year, the figure still remains lower than the UK average, which failed to budge between 2010 and 2011.

Broken down into English, maths, reading and writing, the county is exposed yet again as falling behind.

For English SATs, 79 per cent achieved level four or above, while nationally the figure was 81 per cent; in maths it was 79 per cent for Kent and 80 per cent nationally; reading 82 per cent in comparison to 84 per cent nationally; and writing 73 per cent compared to England's 75 per cent.

In Medway 76 per cent achieved level four or above in english; 74 per cent in maths; 79 per cent for reading; and 70 per cent for writing. Only 67 per cent reached the expected levels in maths and Englsh.

Although the number of primary pupils in Kent achieving the expected benchmark is increasing each year, the Government figures paint a bleak picture when compared to secondary schools, which consistently perform above the national average in GCSEs.

But KCC cabinet member for education, learning and skills, Cllr Sarah Hohler, was positive about improvements. She said: "I am pleased with the improvement in key stage two results

this year which is undoubtedly due to the commitment of our headteachers and their staff.

"During the last academic year we piloted a new way of working in partnership with our schools and we intend to build upon this in a new approach called Kent Challenge in 2011-12.

"We will be working on a partnership approach with a number of schools to support their school improvement priorities in the next year. This approach will not only support the improvement of key

support the improvement of acy stage two results in the short term but will also make sure there will be sustainability of improvement in the long term."

She added: "KCC will continue to support and challenge primary schools to be the best they can be. That support, combined with the improvements we are seeing from pre-school education, should see children continue to improve at key stage two in the years to come."

SATs exams, which are taken by primary pupils before they move to secondary school, have sparked controversy in the past, with some education experts calling for them to be axed.

A recent report led by celebrity mathematician Carol Vorderman, commissioned by the Tories, recommended that maths SATs be scrapped. She claimed they narrowed teaching to focus on the tests due to pressure of league tables and could have an adverse affect by decreasing mathematical standards.

A primary school teacher told the authors of the report, which was led by Ms Vorderman, that schools were limited in what they could teach in maths due to SATs.

"We have to practise the strategy because that is what the local authority and Ofsted will want to see. In primary schools we have to work towards



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PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER, QUOTED BY CAROL VORDERMAN'S TORY EDUCATION REPORT key stage two tests which mean we are unable to move away from a very rigid and at times boring curriculum. A school is not judged on whether children are inspired; it is judged on league tables.

"I am passionate about making children enjoy their education but am told by Ofsted and the government how and what to teach."

Director of policy and campaigns at NAHT, the Association for All School Leaders, Kathryn James, said teaching to get results for school league tables was wrong.

"It gives a false impression to parents of a school's achievements, it constrains imaginative and inspirational teaching and most damning of all, it fails our pupils and our future workforce," she said.

Other education chiefs and those working in the industry questioned the need for SATs.

Education expert Susan Young, who specialises in early years teaching, said: "I'd like to know how realistic the expected level is, especially given that once upon a time it was the average level – which is an entirely different thing.

"Is 100 per cent of the cohort the only result any Government will accept – which may be impossible – or is there a more realistic target? "However, whether average or expected, if 11-year-olds need level four achievements in order to function in the secondary school environment, then every stop needs to be pulled out to help them. And this is where a bit more transparency would be useful. How many of the children who don't achieve level four have English as an additional language? How long have they been in their current school? How long have they been in the UK?

school to see what's being done

"How large are the classes in the schools with higher and smaller numbers of high achievers? None of this information would be to excuse schools from doing their jobs, which is to create the best possible outcomes for all pupils, but it would give us all a bit more context to work in.

"We could learn more about schools which are doing brilliantly against the odds, and perhaps use their experience and methods to help that group of kids who fall short of level four across the board."

Last years SATs exams were thrown in the spotlight when the National Union of Teachers and the National Association of Headteachers led a protest against the controversial exams, with 24 Kent schools boycotting the controversial exams.



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HIDDEN: Tunnels known as Dumpy, found below the Dover Castle tunnels, are not open to the public

Photo book explores our Cold War bunkers

By Nick Ames

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WORLD-RENOWNED cameraman Nick Catford is widely considered to be the most accomplished subterranean photographer working today, specialising in sites of Cold War, military and industrial archaeological interest.

His latest work, Cold War Bunkers, is the third volume in a series of photographic records of Britain's underground heritage.

The volume contains anproximately 450 photographs and in many instances Mr Catford, from Swanley, has been granted unprecedented access to highly sensitive sites in order to compile the collection of images reproduced in this book.

It is a photographic overview of all the underground, semiunderground and surface-built Cold War nuclear bunkers built in the British Isles to protect central, regional and local government, military organisations, the Royal Observer Corps, and public utilities against Soviet Union attack between 1946-89.

The threat of a nuclear strike from the Eastern Bloc has mercifully long since faded and almost all the structures abandoned. Some have been demolished, others vandalised or turned into store rooms.

A private shelter in the garden of a home in Pluckley is featured in the book, along with a Royal Observer Corps bunker in the grounds of Ashmore House, Maidstone, Another series of pictures show a control



BELOW: The entrance to the private shelter in Pluckley

centre for water supplies built within a disused covered reservoir close to Gillingham.

But possibly the most important site uncovered is a network of tunnels under Dover Castle, immediately below those currently open to the public.

The sealed-off area, accessed via a lift and stairwell is codenamed Dumpy.

The tunnels were constructed in 1941 and supplemented those already in existence from the Napoleonic War. They were meant to be used as a joint services headquarters for Army, Navy and RAF units guarding the Channel.

But in 1962 they were converted to a Regional Seat of Government in the event of a nuclear strike on the UK - in effect southern England would have been governed from within the tunnels.

In Kent, this was originally located at Hawkenbury, near Tunbridge Wells. But the Government decided these 'rooms'

would not be suitable for a drawn-out recovery period, and so the network was reorganised. The abandoned tunnels beneath Dover Castle were considered ideal.

The Regional Seat of Government was to be controlled by a cabinet minister, with a staff of service personnel and civilian administrators helping to restore civilisation.

Dumpy level housed the offices, whilst another level - Annexe - was converted into barracks and mess halls.

British intelligence reports in November, 1967, claimed that the USSR was believed to be targeting Dover with two, three megaton nuclear weapons and two, one megaton bombs.

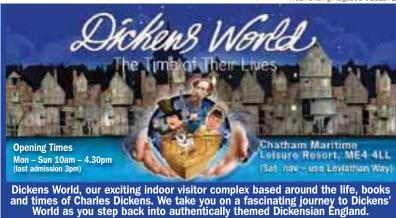
This is the equivalent of more than 600 of the bombs dropped on the Japanese city of Hiroshima in World War Two.

Doomsday rehearsals and civil defence training were regularly carried out during the 1960s, but the 1970s saw a shift in building policy, placing most of the key facilities in purpose-built structures.

As a result little work was done on the tunnels. Any plans for rebuilding were halted when it was realised that the porous chalk offered little protection against contaminated, radioactive rainwater flowing down from the ground above.

In 1984 they were declassified and given to English Heritage. Two levels - Casemate and Annexe are open to the public, but Dumpy remains sealed.

■ See www.yourdover.co.uk for all the news and sport.



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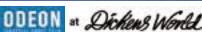
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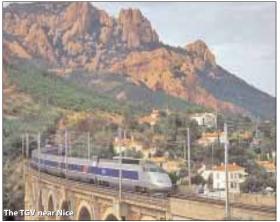
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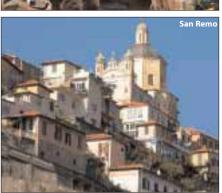
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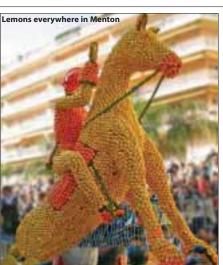
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Marinades help us spice up family dinner times

EV Biswal's Ambrette restaurant in Margate has been acclaimed for its approach to Indian food. Now the chef is giving home cooks the chance to sample some of its magic.

He said: "I wanted to bring Eastern culinary techniques into everyday English cuisine and encourage people cooking at home to add more flavour to their meat and fish.

The chef, who grew up in Calcutta, has launched a range of Premier Marinades which he uses in the restaurant.

He said: "Marinading is typically Eastern. In regional Indian cuisine it is common to marinade fish, poultry and meat before

The jars are a far cry from the normal curry sauces bought off the supermarket shelf.

The chef said: "They embody the spirit of the Ambrette restaurant. We don't really serve your normal curry here. It is all about using subtle flavours.'

The Ambrette's reputation has grown. It was recently voted the 12th best restaurant in the country by the Top Table website, listed just behind The Savov.

Dev wanted to move on from the traditions of the British curry house.

He said: "A lot of Indian cuisine in the UK is locked in a time bubble. Indian cooking is more than just chicken tikka masala. The type of food we serve is what someone would expect at a high-end restaurant in India. It is about new flavours and textures and adventurous food - a fine dining experience."

Dev has also built his reputation by using local produce, which he considers as some of the best available. He is doing a tour of farm shops and delicatessens in the county, showing how the marinades can be used.

He said: "I was at Quex Park in Birchington. I had pans with chicken, lamb and fish so people could sample the food. It was a huge success - we sold everything we had that day.

"The demonstrations work really well

Ed Hill meets the top chef who's helping us to create some truly delicious Indian dishes in our own kitchens



TASTY: Dev Biswal's new Premier Marinade range is on sale now

introducing people to the product."

The marinades are currently stocked in $20\,$ outlets around the county. A $2\,50ml$ jar retails at about £3.95.

Dev said: "They are very versatile and can be used with roasts, pan-fries and barbecues. I have come up with various recipe ideas, too. For

example, with the chicken marinade, you can add coconut milk to make a beautiful creamy sauce. That turns it into something exotic.

A pork marinade will soon be available and the chef, who hopes to open more restaurants in the county, is looking into recipes for turkey. · See http://marinades.biswalfoods.com

Farmers' markets

Penshurst

THE Times recently named Penshurst farmers' market in its Top Ten markets in the UK. With more than 30 stalls offering the best local food and drink, it is held against the wonderful backdrop of Penshurst Place on the first Saturday of each month.

Egerton

EGERTON farmers' market has now been trading every Friday from 2pm to 4.30pm for almost five years, with most of the original stallholders still selling at the market in the Millennium Hall. which is extremely popular with both local producers and consumers

Meopham

MEOPHAM farmers' market has been operating since July 2004 in the overflow car park of the Meopham fitness and tennis centre, the site of the school, library and doctors' surgery on the first Sunday of the month from 9am to 12.30pm.

Mersham

FEATURING top-quality produce from the immediate rural area, the new market that is now held at the Farriers Arms, Mersham Forstal, takes place between 2.30pm and 6.30pm on every second and fourth Friday of the month.

Sissinghurst

THIS market is located in the ancient Elizabethan Barn, next to the Granary restaurant within the famous Sissinghurst National Trust site on the second Monday of every month, when the gardens are open between midday and 3pm.

Iwade

IWADE village hall first opened its very popular farmers' market in February 2009 and it takes place on the first Sunday of the month from 10am until 1pm, offering fresh seasonal local produce at competitive prices.

■ For more farmers' markets, visit www.farmersmarkets.org.uk

On the right track for a tasty curry – just remember to book

LOCATION is a key factor to success, so anything off the beaten track has to work hard to get customers.

Which means Krishna Restaurant in Whitstable is definitely doing something right. Sited on Old Bridge Road opposite the station, the outside doesn't look too promising and the only view is of trains pulling in and out of the platform.

We reserved a table, having been disappointed before – if you turn up on a Friday night after having a few pints, you are likely to be turned away. The place will be packed.

Our meal began with an introductory small glass of spicy soup designed to ready the taste buds for what was to

Heading straight for the main course, I ordered the kesri chicken korma (£7.75). The chicken came in a gravy of cashew nuts and saffron. Gravy is

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the optimum word here. Unlike many restaurants, the food does not come swilling in a mass of heavy ghee but in rich, tasty, thin sauces.

For my partner the choice was even better. As a vegetarian she was grateful to have a range of dishes that looked like they had been made with yeagies in mind. Her subz paneer ki makhani

(£6.45) contained tropical vegetables, homemade cottage cheese, tomato and fenugreek, a nice change from the usual vegetable korma, which contains so much potato that you can't help but feel you're being ripped off.

Along with the main courses, we had rice with cumin seeds and saffron and two delicately-thin naan breads and a side dish called avial (£4.25).

This again contained those tropical vegetables. (To be honest, I don't know what they were, but they tasted good.) They came simmered in coconut milk with mustard seeds and curry leaves.

I would advise anyone dining here not to go overboard with the rice. The sauces are so delicious that by the time you have mopped them up with your bread you will resemble a plump aubergine, a vegetable that also features heavily on the menu. In fact,

we had tucked into our sauces so keenly that a dessert was out of the question. Instead we opted for two mango lassis (a kind of voghurt smoothie), an ideal way to end the meal on a warm night.

All this came to less than £40, including a couple of pints of Cobra and a large mineral water.

So for anyone who wants a curry with a bit of a difference, I would recommend popping down to the Krishna. And if you get bored by the conversation, you can always watch the tired and weary commuters getting off the train and revel in the fact you are not one of them.

Ed Hill

■ Krishna Restaurant 49 Old Bridge Road, Whitstable CT5 1RD: phone 01227 282 639: www.krishnarestaurant.co.uk



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SCHOOL'S OUT

See the horizon on a safari adventure

By Joe Bill

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IF you're looking for adventure this summer, then why not try a day out on the seas with environmentally-friendly boating group Horizon Sea Safaris?

The group, based at the royal harbour in Ramsgate, is offering discounts for children and large groups this summer.

Horizon offers numerous powerboat experiences, harbour trips, wildlife-watching and tours of Kent's beautiful waters to its guests, with special discounts for youngsters under the age of 16.

One tour offers animal enthusiasts the chance to head out on the 10-seat speedboat to the Goodwin Sands to catch a glimpse of seals at play in their natural habitat.

The specially-trained team works closely with the UK's leading marine-mammal rescue charity, British Divers Marine Life Rescue, and encourages an ethos of conservation by education.

The company was founded by Janice Denyer and Jon Brooks.

Having started sailing in their teens, the sea has never been far from their lives. Living close to the harbour, they have gained extensive knowledge of both the area's wildlife and its history, which they are keen to share on the tours.

Team-members are also trained as marinemammal medics and are regularly involved in wildlife rescues and helping to monitor wildlife off the coast of Thanet.

Priding itself on the safety of its trips, Horizon also specialises in offshore support and safety-





boat cover for Kent's sporting events and commercial requirements.

Other interesting tours that Horizon will be offering this summer include powerboat trips to the Stour estuary to catch a glimpse of even more playful mammals. For the historians

among you, there are tours of the Kentish Flats windfarm and the Second World War forts in the English Channel.

This weekend the group will be taking part in the Monster Bass Festival in Ramsgate, offering tours and encounters with

wonderful wildlife. On Wednesday the team will also be appearing at the Broadstairs Water Gala.

See www.horizonsafaris.com for more information about prices and the range of trips available; alternatively, phone 07931 744788.



SEA HERE:

Wildlife-lovers can see seals, while history is catered for with a trip around the Second World War forts in the Channel, with lots of other treats in between during a Horizon sea safari

A whole world of animals and farming is ready to be enjoyed

FAMILIES and countryside fans have the chance to meet a host of animals at Farming World this summer.

Some of the brilliant animal attractions at the venue near Faversham include Gloucester Old Spot pigs, heavy horses, Shetland ponies, llamas, alpacas, Soay sheep and pygmy goats... and they are all looking forward to meeting some new friends during the school holidays.

The team at Farming World is offering added performances and events at the park on several days throughout August, with no extra cost to the entrance price.

On Wednesday, Dizzy Lolly will stoke up some fun, games and probably mayhem on the farm in Boughton.

Then, on Friday, youngsters can meet spiders and a variety of reptiles while talking to experts about how these creatures live during Creepy Crawly Day.

Wednesday, August 24, is for the circus workshops, where you can learn to spin plates, use a Diablo and



BAA! Soay sheep are among the many animals at Farming World

carrry out other fantastic feats.

Goldilocks and three mischeivous bears will be wandering about the farm on Friday, August 26, as part of the Teddy Bears' Picnic day fun and games. Don't forget to bring your teddy bear to join in the fun!

Animal Day on Saturday, August 27, offers an opportuinty to see some of Farming World's animals at close quarters and learn more about them.

You may even have the opportunity to say hallo to the newest additions to the farm, a litter of micro-pigs.

Saturday to Bank Holiday Monday, August 27-29, is Harvest And Threshing Weekend, when visitors can watch the tradition of wheat being harvested and threshed in the fields surrounding Farming World. Watch the vintage tractors gathering the harvest and the unique Davidson threshing machine cut the wheat.

While at the farm, don't forget to have a game of mini-golf, play on the large adventure play areas, jump on the inflatable pillows, make a souvenir to take home in the craft and activity room, play hide-and-seek in the indoor soft-play area and take a tractor and trailer ride.

For more details of all of these events, visit www.farming-world.com or phone 01227 751144.

Farming World is open seven days a week, from 9.30am to 5.30pm, until the end of October. Adult tickets are £6, while those for children aged three to 15 cost £5.

Take a swing at something new

IS your child a budding Rory McIlroy? Or are you in search of something new for them to do during the school holidays?

Canterbury Golf Club is offering youngsters the chance to come and use the driving range at its beautiful Scotland Hills course.

The club, on Littlebourne Road, is offering children the chance to practise with quality range-balls and power tees and even have lessons with professionals.

The GolfMark-accredited club runs an academy for aspiring young players, founded on the approach that every individual has an unlimited and unique potential.

On their website, Canterbury Golf Club says it is committed to helping coach players of all skill levels, ranging from beginners to elite amateurs, and has developed a unique approach to instruction that is not bogged down in club angles, arm positions and swings.

"We understand that people's aspirations and goals for golf can be very different – this is why we offer integrated programs tailored to the individual that aim to increase enjoyment, performance and individual development, helping you



TEE OFF: Kick start your child's love of golf at Canterbury Golf Club

fulfil your potential."

The club focuses on six elements to the game rather than just the technical side – these elements include physical, mental, emotional and social and love of the game.

If you are interested in becoming a member or have a child looking to start a new sport, there is more information at www.canterburygolfclub.co.uk; alternatively, phone 01227 453532.



Admire the beauty of some of the county's most spectacular views on this circular walk around the historic village of Wye

NJOY unrivalled sights such as the chalk Wye Crown carved into the hillside and the impressive Devil's Kneading Trough nestled in the idyllic setting of the Wye Downs National Nature Reserve.

This 4.3-mile (6.9km) circular walk can start on the Broad Downs, an ideal place to fly kites, and encompasses the Wye Downs with sections following the North Downs Way.

The historic North Downs Way follows much of what is called the Pilgrim's Way, historically used to make pilgrimages to Winchester and Canterbury. Originally created by the Romans using the gap through the North Downs, the remains of a Roman camp and villa have been found at Wye.

Interesting features adorn this walk, including a set of steps laid into the hillside towards Pickerdane Farm. Farming is the dominant driver of the local economy - the panoramic scenes of the surrounding agricultural land provide a typical depiction of rural Kent.

Wye is also renowned for being home to one of the world's most important agricultural colleges, Imperial College Wye. Wye farmers' market is one not to be missed; it runs on the village green from 9am on the first and third Saturday of every month.

Wye is a historic village and as you continue your journey past Silks Farm you pass the legendary St Eustace's Well, situated in a private garden. The well was thought to be full of holy waters with miraculous healing powers.

As you stroll through the village you will notice that many of the village buildings feature original medieval architecture. For a welcome break, why not take rest in one of the many local restaurants or public houses in Wye?

At the heart of the village lies the 13th-century St Gregory's and St Martin's Church. In 1447, Archbishop Kemp improved the fabric of the church and installed new windows and enlarged it to accommodate the Master and Fellows of Wye College

In 1572, the steeple was destroyed by lightning and in 1686 the tower collapsed and demolished the whole of the east wing.

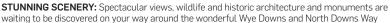
The tower was rebuilt but this time on the ground and a smaller chancel was constructed in the style of Queen Anne. In 1943, a bomb destroyed the west window, which was replaced

Wye Downs form part of the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, so take some time to admire their charm. Excellent views can be enjoyed over Romney Marsh, The Weald and even the coast on a clear day.

The chalk grassland is important for the range of orchids it supports, many species having been recorded at the site.

The reserve encompasses areas of scrub, woodland and hedgerows - these habitats support some 50 breeding bird species, including nightingale, hawfinch, lesser spotted woodpecker and kestrel. Reptiles can also be found here, including species such as adder, grass snake, slow-worm and common lizard.









- Location: Wye, TN25 5AW
- Distance: Distance: 4.3 Miles (6.9km), allow
- OS Explorer Map: 137 ■ Terrain: Filed paths and tracks. Some steep
- Stiles: 2 ■ Gates: 13
- Step count: About 9.000
- Parking: A parking area is available alongside Coldharbour Lane
- Refreshments and facilities: There are shops, restaurants and a public house in Wye village.





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Military show Planes, tanks and big rides

Headcorn aerodrome

Saturday and Sunday, August 13-14 Adults £9, children £6 www.combinedops.co.uk

THE Combined Ops third annual weekend show at Headcorn aerodrome is geared. for record crowds to enjoy spectacular events both in the air and on the ground. The nostalgic programme includes a spectacular RAF Battle of Britain memorial flight, displays from a P51 Mustang and a Hurricane, as well as classic Second World War fighter-planes, including the famous Russian Yak. You can see the re-enactment of a Battle of Britain air-raid scramble and 30 living-history displays from the Gulf War. The more adventurous can take a flight in a vintage Dragon Rapide biplane or have a ride in a tank. With more than 60 militaria and craft stalls to see, this is an ideal venue for the serious browser.



Free cinema Open-air films for the family

Leviathan Way, Chatham Martime01634 890421
www.dickensworld.co.uk

MEDWAY'S historical theme park Dickens World is offering visitors a free open-air cinema throughout the school summer holidays.
The theatre will be based at

the Dickens World Plaza on Leviathan Way at Chatham Maritime and show films aimed at family audiences. With no entry fee to pay, film fans can head down on Saturday, August 13, to see The Jungle Book (U) at 4pm and Little Shop Of Horrors (PG) at 6pm.

On Sunday, August 14, the acclaimed Toy Story 3 (U) will be shown at 4pm, while Mama Mia (PG) will be aired at 6pm. During the following weekend the cinema will play the animated film Up (U) at 4pm, followed by Greece (PG) at 6pm on Saturday, August 20.

Top veterans concert band Royal Marines

Leeds Castle

Sunday, August 21, 3pm 01622 880008 www.leeds-castle.com

YOU can visit Leeds Castle this summer and be entertained by the celebrated Royal Marines Association Concert Band. Bring along the family and a picnic to the gardens and enjoy a rousing musical score of music to suit all tastes. With the 900-year-old castle as the backdrop and the impressive sight of the band in full uniform, this is the perfect way to spend a lazy Sunday afternoon.

The Royal Marines Association Concert Band was formed in May 2006 with the approval of the Commandant General of the Royal Marines and principal director of music. The band will give an exciting performance under the direction of Captain David Cole. Having received his early musical training with The

Salvation Army and the London Schools Symphony Orchestra on tuba, Capt Cole joined the Royal Marines Band Service in 1967, serving for a little over 32 years and finishing as director of music. The band has built a reputation as the premier veterans concert band in the UK, so don't miss this opportunity. The performance will start at 3pm; tickets cost £15 for adults and £10 for children under 16. Tickets must be booked in advance by phoning the box office on 01622 880008 or visiting the website at www.leeds-castle.com.

Sheep Fest Woolly races and farm fun

Lock Lane, Maidstone

Until Thursday, September 1 01622 763936 www.kentlife.org.uk

KENT LIFE staff members are bracing themselves for visitors flocking in numbers to the venue for an all-new Sheep

The summer-long event will see a celebration of everything about our woolly friends which includes a daily show and race.

The event offers a humorous and educational show about sheep in general, the many different breeds and the wool, meat and milk industries that they provide; there will be the opportunity for people to see the stars throughout the day. The sheep race will give visitors a farmtastic and funny chance to watch the sheep as they are taken to their starting posts ridden by a number of cuddly jockeys.

Visitors can call in to the recently-opened Dotty's Tea Rooms or take in the locally-sourced food and produce available from the onsite farm shop.

Join the hop-picker workshops, or cuddle up to a number of smaller animals, or alternatively have a ride around the paddock on a donkey.



Young theatre Fantastic Mr Fox... the truth

Bishopsbourne, Canterbury Wednesday, August 31

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ROALD Dahl's classic tale of Fantastic Mr Fox is to be performed on the lawns of Charlton Park, Bishopsbourne. Performed by the Illyria Touring Company, the show has been adapted for stage by David Wood.

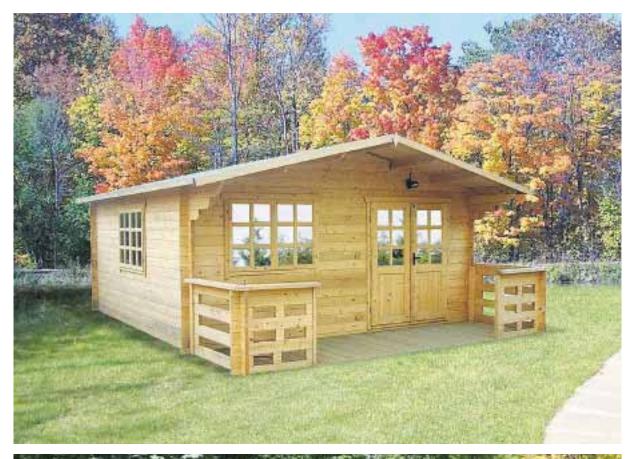
The group takes into account that any performance may,

for many young people in the audience, be their first exposure to live theatre and so strives to make shows an experience they will remember. Brightly costumed and accompanied by music, the actors address their target audience in an intelligent and non-patronising way. Illyria does not take the fashionably PC view that theatre for children should be cleansed of cruelty, peril, or even death and looks to address these issues. The gardens will be open from 5pm and the show starts at 6.30pm; homemade picnics are welcome. Tickets cost £17.50 for adults with discounts for

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New regulations welcomed as a boost to the lettings industry

WO advances in consumer protection in the lettings industry came into effect on the first day of this month.

As The Property
Ombudsman scheme (TPO) launches its strengthened Code of Practice for member lettings agents, the revised code will also complete Stage One of the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) Consumer Codes Approval Scheme.

The scheme has two stages and over the coming months TPO is required to demonstrate to the Office of Fair Trading that members comply with the code to gain Stage Two and final approval.

It is intended that tenants, letting agencies and landlords will benefit from the move as the new regulatory bodies are independent of the industry itself.

Negotiations with OFT have been conducted largely by Bill McClintock, chairman of the TPO operating company.

"The OFT scheme is recognised by consumers as being totally independent of the industry, a unique feature that no other body for lettings membership can offer," said Mr McClintock. "This is an important step forward for lettings



STANDARDS: Bill McClintock

agents but especially for the landlords and tenants who use them. $\,$

"Under our revised code which came into effect on August 1, all lettings agents need to have separate client money accounts and all our members are obliged to have professional indemnity insurance.

"Now we have completed Stage One,

lettings agents will undergo the same random monitoring we already apply to residential sales agents, which not only ensures higher standards for consumers but also points out to member agents precisely what they need to do to improve the service they offer. Consumers will be able to give feedback directly to TPO about their level of satisfaction.

"Agents cannot influence the outcome of these surveys because if there are any results pointing to exemplary or very poor service we then mystery-shop the agents to make our own assessment.

"Enforcement of our Code of Practice for sales agents has resulted in a reduction of the seriousness of complaints brought to the Ombudsman."

TPO now has 8,130 member residential lettings offices, all of them joining the scheme since redress for lettings agents was launched in 2006.

"Landlords and tenants who want to ensure their lettings agent offers the highest standards with a system in place for independent settling of disputes should look for the green TPO logo displayed by member lettings agents as the mark of distinction," said Mr McClintock.

Perks make these homes look even sweeter to buy

TWO homes are on the market at Kings Hill, West Malling, with attractive financial inducements to aid a quick sale.

They are a pair of new homes next to countryside and with south-facing rear gardens.

The pair of properties comprise a Nuthurst house type, pictured, which is a four-bedroom home of 1,365sq ft and a Woodchurch house of 1,614sq ft, which also boasts four bedrooms.

The two homes are detached save for their adjacent garages and are in a select close of just seven properties.

They come under the summer-savings scheme which is in operation, so anyone in a position to exchange quickly can benefit from a £5,000 reduction for an exchange within four weeks.

For those who are keen to buy but unable to sell their current property, there is an opportunity to benefit from the part-exchange scheme, subject to usual terms and conditions.

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"These homes are spacious and come with fully-fitted kitchens and contemporary bathrooms", said Jo Richards, of Hillreed Homes.

"These particular styles, due to their layout and spaciousness, appeal to those with growing families, downsizers or up-and-coming couples who like to entertain."

The properties are in a Kent architectural design to fit in their setting and are within easy reach of the many and varied facilities at Kings Hill.

The Nuthurst is on the market for £379,950 and the Woodchurch is £444,950.



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During the summer the balcony becomes an integral part of the living accommodation, a gloriously peaceful place to relax in the sun beneath the shade of the automatic awning, looking out to sea and listening to the sound of the waves breaking on the beach.

The views are as breathtaking by night - a full moon reflecting on the sea is a spectacular sight and in the darkness the twinkling lights on passing ships and along the French coastline are amazing.

The present owners moved to the property about five years ago shortly after they had remodelled the interior.

Extensive refurbishment works entailed rewiring the electrical circuits, renewing much of the plumbing, upgrading the centralheating system and fitting new uPVC double-glazed windows and

With the essentials in place, they embarked on completely redesigning and refurbishing the interior, installing a high-quality bespoke kitchen and fitting luxuriouslyappointed bath and shower room

The results of the no-expensespared transformation are stunning and they have succeeded in creating a beautiful home in an outstanding setting.

The light and airy interior is entered at upper-floor level, moving through from the entrance hall, and one is immediately confronted with spectacular sea views from an immense open-plan living space with patio doors leading on to a large south-facing balcony.

The superbly-equipped kitchen/ breakfast room with sea views is also on the upper floor and there is an inner hallway that leads off to a cloakroom with a door that connects to the rear of the doublewidth garage.

A dog-leg staircase with an at-



tractive hardwood balustrade descends from the living area to a spacious hallway, with access to the superbly-landscaped rear garden via a door from the study.

The owners prefer to use one of the four bedrooms as a utility room; their master bedroom has a large en-suite shower room and, in common with the family bathroom, is stylishly appointed.

This property is priced at £875 000

Agent: Fine & Country 01227 479 317 www.fineandcountry.com











Perfectly sited for both town and rural appeal

The Cricketers, Broadstairs

£895,000

HE Cricketers - an attractive property in a great location – combines the best of town and rural living, according to its current owners:

"This is a superb location. We find it is like living in the countryside but with all the convenience associated with being about a mile from Broadstairs town centre and station.

"We are one of only three houses in the road, in an area surrounded by woodland with wonderful open views, reminiscent of a typical English village green. We felt it was the perfect setting to build our dream home, deciding upon a Tudor-style design as most befitting the immediate surroundings.

"The entire build was projectmanaged by a NHBC-registered

"In many ways this is a truly international home, in so much that the fixtures and fittings have been sourced from around the world.

"The front doors and staircase were imported from America and the bi-fold doors that open most of the back of the house to the garden are from Germany.

"We trawled the internet looking for stylish bathrooms and wall and floor tiles, visiting the importer to select the Brazilian granite that was to be machined and polished for the kitchen.

"The gardens to the rear are naturally very secluded and have proved to be a wonderful place to work on creating a lovely outlook from the house.

"Just one other thought: the original planning permission was granted for accommodation within the roof space and, although the present accommodation is more than adequate for us, we have generally prepared the loft so it would be relatively easy to create further bedrooms with en-suites, in the event that subsequent owners may wish to extend.'

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Dixwell Road, Folkestone

HE home at 5 Dixwell Road is an impressive and substan-tial seven-bedroom detached family house of character and well-proportioned accommodation situated in the heart of the West End of Folkestone.

Standing in one of Folkestone's most sought-after locations, it is within easy walking distance of the famous Leas and the high-speed rail link to London, offering a journey time of under an hour from Folkestone to London St Pancras.

Believed to have been built around the 1920s, the majority of the windows have been replaced with sealed units and the property was re-roofed in 2007.

An entrance porch and vestibule area with a cloakroom and WC leads through to the hallway.

The downstairs accommodation includes three reception rooms, a sitting-room area with an attractive fireplace set in carved wood, a conservatory and an archway to the drawing-room area, which has a decorative marble fireplace with a living-flame coal-effect gas stove, fitted bookshelves and cupboards.

There is also a dining room with double casement doors leading out to the garden, a study, kitchen/ breakfast room and a utility area.

The first floor comprises a landing with an attractive leaded-light window and built-in wardrobe, cupboards and fitted bookshelves.

Of the seven bedrooms, the first and third lead out to a balcony, and bedroom one is also en-suite.

There is a family bathroom and separate WC, shower room and a box room/potential bathroom.

There is a delightful large, westfacing, mature garden to the rear with a lovely patio area.

A pretty sunken garden occupies the far side, with a small circular pond as a centrepiece, and an appealing seating arbour settles here, providing a pleasing outlook over the garden and lawn.

A path to the side leads pleasantly through an attractive assortment of mature trees and planting.

This property is priced at £745,000.

Agent: Smith-Woolley & Perry 01303 226622 www.swandn.co.uk





Discreet but very stylish

Five Ways, Cliftonville

HE property known as Five Ways is a stunning example of an Edgar Ranger-designed residence, full of charm and grace and situated on a large triplecorner plot in a sought-after and discreet location in Cliftonville.

Built in 1924, this beautiful sixbedroom property retains many of the original features, including wonderful fireplaces, original parquet floors, decorative leaded windows, oak panelling, 1920s art-deco bathroom and beamed ceilings.

There are six large bedrooms, two bathrooms, a shower room, principle lounge, reception hall, morning room, breakfast room, dining room, utility room, cloakroom, conservatory and kitchen.

To the exterior there are beautifully arranged and extensive gardens surrounding the property and commanding a triple plot.

The rear garden is mainly laid to lawn, with high walls covered by matures trees.

A section of the garden has been segregated to incorporate more of a wild natural garden with an abundance of fruit trees.

There is a wrought-iron gate leading to the front, with access to the driveway, and attached to the rear of the property, in keeping with the architecture, is a potting shed with lockable door.

On the return, there is a fabulous wall-mounted sundial and access to the front lawns.

Although this residence would benefit from some internal decoration, including a new kitchen, to enhance the property further, you

could still just move straight in and personalise it in your own time.

Offering a wealth of space both internally and externally, this extraordinary property needs to be seen to be appreciated in its fully

There are double garages to the grounds plus planning consent granted to extend the residence even further.

This property is priced at £850,000.

Agent: Terence Painter Properties 01843 866866 www.terencepainter.co.uk





Classical touch for this modern home



Manor Road,

St Nicholas-at-Wade

ITUATED in an attractive village is an extremely spa-cious detached family home with six good-sized bedrooms, four bath/shower rooms and three reception rooms.

The property, at 1 Heritage Park, Manor Road, was built in 2005 in a Georgian design to high specification.

The ground-floor accommodation features oak flooring throughout and a triple-aspect main sitting room leading to a sun lounge overlooking a secluded garden.

The front of the property is blockpaved, providing four car-parking spaces within remote-controlled gates, shared with the neighbouring house. There is a matching brick double garage with electric remotecontrolled up-and-over door.

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This is how the owners describe life in their elegant stone-built four-bedroom Victorian villa with its own self-contained annexe on the lower ground floor.

"We have lived at Archery Square for almost 25 happy years, raising our two younger children here.

"When we moved here the house was in a terrible state, but gradually we have restored it to a lovely family house, with large lofty rooms, and a sunny, productive garden.

"Restoring missing plaster cornices was a challenging task, and making the original sash windows draught-proof another. Installing central heating and having a new slate roof and good insulation made a big difference to our comfort.

"At the front of the house we overlook the tennis and croquet club in Archery Square; at the rear there is the garden to look out on.

"Initially it was full of head-high ground elder and nettles, but it now has a patio, lawns and flower beds near the house, and a vegetable and fruit garden behind.

"Deal is a pleasant town with, increasingly, a café culture. There is a good choice of bars and restaurants. There are also four good golf courses within a six-mile radius."

The price of this property is £500,000.

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Old Dover Road, Capel-le-Ferne

HE home at 157 Old Dover Road is a well-presented L five-bedroom detached chalet house, refurbished in a contemporary style, offering spacious accommodation and enjoying outstanding panoramic views across the English Channel.

The village of Capel-le-Ferne is between Folkestone, about four miles away, and Dover.

The accommodation comprises an enclosed entrance porch with a slate floor and a hallway with part-slate floor and walk-in cloak cupboard.

There is an L-shaped sitting and dining room, with a contemporary limestone fireplace, granite hearth and living-flame gas fire; an archway leads to the dining area.

The kitchen has matching cream units, part-glass block wall and built-in understairs cupboard. A wet room, rear lobby, cloakroom and utility room and a bedroom with casement doors to the garden, along with a bedroom/study, complete the ground floor.

On the first floor are a family bathroom and two further bedrooms, and another possible master bedroom - currently used as a sitting room – with casement doors leading to a balcony that has uninterrupted views across the busy shipping lanes of the English Channel.

Outside there is a garage with an electric roller-door and personal door to the hall.

A neat, attractive garden lies to the rear of the property, with a large patio area adjacent to the house allowing plenty of room for alfresco entertaining.

Double gates lead from the side to an additional gravel area for optional parking, and the front garden is mainly laid to lawn.

This property is priced at £435,000.

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Family home by the sea

White House, Hythe

HITE House is an attractive detached four-bedroom family property set in pretty gardens with sea views, enjoying an elevated position in the popular area of Cliff Road, Hythe.

The ground floor has a covered veranda, entrance vestibule and reception hall, sitting room and dining room with cupboard and shelves in the chimney recess.

A kitchen, breakfast room, utility room and cloakroom complete this floor

On the first floor is a master bedroom with built-in wardrobe cup-



boards, two further bedrooms and a family bathroom (with a bath and shower cubicle) and separate WC.

There is are delightful gardens both to the front and rear of the property

A path leads around to the rear garden and patio and a raised lawn accesses the top of the garden, which allows for a pleasant glimpse of the sea.

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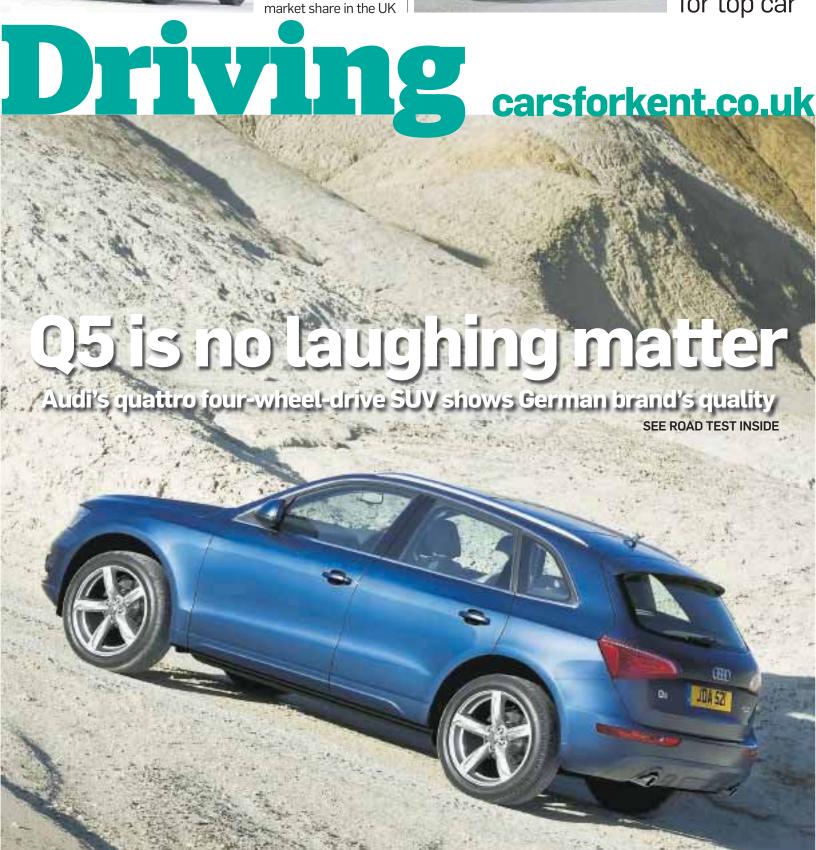


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Serious stuff from Audi

By Sam Davison

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LEGEND has it that comic genius Spike Milligan's Q series (1969-82) of quirky comedy shows took their title from the then-quality ratings scale at the BBC.

The higher the number after the O, the poorer the broadcast quality, though the genius of the anarchic shows Q5 through to Q9 not only gained a cult audience but also influenced many new-wave comics of the era, notably the Monty Python team.

None of the above, of course, applies to Audi's Q series of vehicles. Words like anarchic, comedy and quirky, and, above all, any suggestion about poor quality won't generate laughs at the offices of the German premium brand.

The letter Q, in this case, stands for quattro $four-wheel\ drive\ system-a\ famous\ su\hat{b}\text{-}brand$ $for \ Audi-used \ here \ to \ underpin \ a \ successful$ series of SUVs (sports utility vehicles) starting with the monster Q7 launched in 2006 and soon to be joined by the Q3 – roughly the size of Toyota's RAV4.

But our test car here is the middling Q5 model (from £28,000), though it's by no means middling in its appeal.

Launched in 2009, it is the most attractive of the series visually and, subject to us getting behind the wheel of the Q3, the nicest to drive.

Like many an SUV, the high stance does not mean it can go merrily off-road, since relatively poor ground-clearance will soon bring it to a grinding halt on any terrain with serious bumps

However, it does have an off-road switch to help when things get tougher and there is even a hill-descent control, but the main function of the permanent four-wheel-drive quattro system here is to deliver excellent manners on tortuous roads rather than terrain.

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NO JOKE: It is taut when pressed hard into bends and, Audi's Q5 unlike some rivals, the tight grip on body roll is combines a as firm as the car's tenacity on tarmac itself, no superb drivina doubt helped by judicious use of weight-saving aluminium under the skin of the car. experience What is surprising, though, is that such levels inside sizeable boot

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correctness does not come at the expense of a jarring ride for the car's occupants. Nor is the O5 a slouch. It is a true sports utility vehicle, with none of the six powertrain

options appearing to lack much on paper. Our car had the middle range 170PS (168bhp) 2.0 TDI diesel, which vies with a 180PS (178bhp) turbocharged petrol unit.

If you want real zip, then the petrol is the one 0-62mph in 8.5 seconds is impressive for this class – but the middle 30s for mpg is your best hope for economy, while the road tax band is J.

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The test model also has the £1,480 S-tronic gearbox – the VW Audi group's twin-clutch automatic gearbox – which delivers gearchanging options to suit all conditions: if stuck in traffic, auto mode will handle the frustrations; when cruising, it will also shift seamlessly through the seven gears; but when on the open-road, manual mode allows easy shifting by the driver to make the most of the Q5's handling abilities.

The car is not just a driver-pleaser, either: the Q5's cabin is of superior quality, has a wellarranged dashboard, high comfort levels and a sizeable boot.

The only jokes that Spike Milligan might have made at its expense is that adding a few options starts to embroider already lofty prices, but it is a class act.

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Big gains from hi-tech CX-5

MAZDA has unveiled an allnew compact crossover SUV, the CX-5, a showcase for the Jananese marque's wideranging Skyactiv technology.

The new techonology aims to brings gains for both driver and the environment – Mazda has already made advances in cleaner powertrains and lighter cars to deliver better economy and emissions across its models



Focus Ford's leading light

FORD increased UK market share during July in every sector in which it competes - cars and light to medium commercials.

Its total share for the month (15.5 per cent) and the year so far (15.4) rose against 2010.

The Focus, pictured, closed in on the Fiesta supermini at the top of the car sales chart, while the Transit is still the best-selling commercial.



Alfa increases market share

ITALIAN sporting marque Alfa Romeo is racing in the UK this year after a 65 per cent marketshare increase against its performance at this point in 2010. The figure is also 70 per cent above the industry average despite a shaky economy and consumer confidence. Much credit goes to its family-hatchback contender, the award-winning Giulietta, pictured.





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All-new Evoque captures the imagination

By Sam Davison

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RANGE Rover's all-new Evoque was named Car Of The Year 2011 at the prestigious Auto Express magazine New Car Awards.

The event celebrated the top buys in 18 classes of the new-car market, with key criteria including fuel-efficiency, driver appeal, practicality and reliability.

The British-built Evoque not only took the Best Compact SUV title but took the overall crown, with acting editor Graham Hope saying: "The Evoque puts the hugely-desirable Range Rover brand within the reach of compact executive car-buyers for the very first time.

"The fact it looks and drives the way it does serves only to underline its premium appeal.

"The winner of the Auto Express Car Of The Year prize really needs to break the mould – and the Range Rover Evoque does exactly that.

"You have only to look at its concept-car styling to see why the British firm already has a bulging order book for the new baby of its range."

The car's brand stablemate, the Land Rover Discovery 4, also took the Best Large SUV title for the second successive year.

But it was a big night, too, for the Czech brand, Skoda, with an unbeaten four awards – two being for variants of its Superb flagship.

And Skoda's parent company, VW, also took an impressive three awards – two going to variants of the excellent Golf family hatchback.

LEADING THE WAY:

Range Rover's new stylish Evoque was named Auto Express's Car Of The Year at the mag's New Car Awards, while W's Golf and Skoda's Superb Estate, below, also picked up awards







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BEST CITY CAR:
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BEST COMPACT FAMILY CAR:
Hyundai i10
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BEST FAMILY CAR: Skoda Superb
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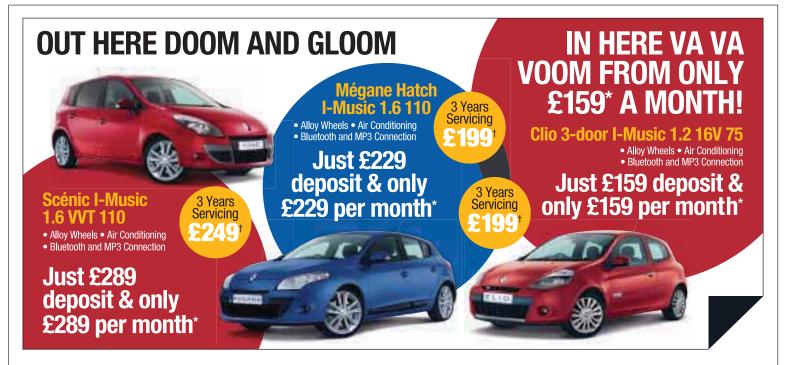
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Audi A6
Mercedes S-Class
Range Rover Evoque
Land Rover Discovery 4
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SEAT Alhambra
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Peugeot RCZ

BEST ROADSTER: BMW 3 Series Convertible Mazda MX-5
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2000(00)	NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, INFERNO RED, 2000 miles£11,995	2008(08)	VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, BLUE, 1000 miles£6,495	2008(08)	VOLKSWAGEN GOLF MATCH FSI 115 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 10000 miles
2010(60)	NISSAN CUBE KAIZEN 5DR HATCH AUTO, WHITE, 3000 miles£11,995	2008(08)	VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 18000 miles	2008(08)	VOLKSWAGEN GOLF MATCH FSI 115 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE GRAPHITE, 18000
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2009(59)	NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 8000 miles	2008(08)	VAUXHALL ZAFIRA ELITE MPV AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 5000 miles£10,995	2008(58)	VOLKSWAGEN POLO MATCH 3DR AUTO, BLACK, 12000 miles£8,995
2008(08)	NISSAN MICRA ACENTA CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 4000 miles£8,995	2008(08)	VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, PANNACOTTA, 13000 miles£8,995	2008(08)	
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2009(58)	NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, CAFFE LATTE, 7000 miles£7,995	2008(08)	VAUXHALL ZAFIRA CLUB 16V MPV AUTO, ULTRA BLUE, 12000 miles£8,995		
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2007(57)	NISSAN MICRA SPIRITA 3DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 18000 miles£6,995	2005(05)	VAUXHALL ZAFIRA DESIGN 16V MPV AUTO, STAR SILVER, 9000 miles£5,995	2010(60)	
2007(57)	NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 3DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 miles£6,995	2005(05)	VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, SILVER LIGHTNING , 19000 miles.£5,495 $$	2010(60)	VAUXHALL ZAFIRA ELITE CDTI TURBO MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 miles \$15,995
2008(08)	NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 11000 miles£6,995	2007(07)	VAUXHALL MERIVA DESIGN 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 51000 miles£4,695	2009(59)	RENAULT GRAND SCENIC DYNAMIQUE DCI FAP TURBO MPV AUTO, BLUE, 6000
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Touring car legend Tim Harvey has teamed up with Archant KOS Media this season to bring you a weekly column as the class of 2011 do battle up and down the country. Harvey, who was brought up in Sevenoaks and schooled in Tonbridge, more recently raced in the Porsche Carrera Cup for Wrotham team Motorbase Performance. He shares his thoughts, as an ITV commentator, on the British Touring Car Championship, and discusses the series' big issues.

'Jackson has all qualities to win'

AN eventful weekend at the new Snetterton 300 circuit marked the return of the British Touring Car Championship last weekend and the real headline was Mat Jackson taking the championship lead for Motorbase.

Both he and the team are becoming the hunted, rather than the hunters, and that always changes the complexion of racing and your attitude towards it. Having said that, you always want to have the most points in the bag. There's more awareness of the team now, more coverage, more expectation and more pressure to deliver.

Mat's success has come as a result of consistency, gaining points in as many races as possible and grabbing four wins, all from reverse-grid races. He doesn't necessarily have the fastest car in the field, but he has got the most number of points and he's also been benefitting from the misfortune of others; Matt Neal in the first two races at Snetterton and Jason Plato in the first-half of the season

Mat Jackson's in my top-three touring car drivers. There are times when I think he's the best guy out there and I've gone on record as saying that if all the drivers were in equal cars, he'd be fastest. I rate him highly, he has an absolutely perfect touring car brain, he soaks up the pressure and he's very calm. He's good from an engineering point of view, he doesn't get ruffled in races, he knows when to be conservative and when to be aggressive. He can lead from the front and he's got all the qualities you need.

I wasn't at all surprised to see the Chevrolets of Jason Plato and Alex McDowell come back strongly at Snetterton. As I predicted, the circuit suited them well and the further penalties applied to the turbo cars obviously brought them back into the mix. However, on the issue of parity, you have to say the racing was very good at the weekend.

Neal, who led the championship going into the weekend, will be very disappointed at not scoring a point in either of the first two races

He'll be rueing the points he lost at Oulton Park and he'll really be starting to wonder whether that incident will come back to bite him in the backside.

It's fantastic for the championship race to be so close; it makes you eager to get to the next race to see what develops. It can change race by race, meeting by meeting, the championship always throws up excitement, which is great for the fans.

TOURING CAR

Title fight hotting up as Jackson hands Motorbase pole position

By Steve Tervet

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MOTORBASE Performance are playing the underdog role to perfection after Mat Jackson's fourth race win of the season lifted him to the top of the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) last weekend.

Jackson, drawn on the front row of the reverse grid for Sunday's third race at Snetterton, quickly passed pole-sitter Dave Newsham and produced an unblemished drive to the chequered flag to climb to the top of the standings for the first time in his career.

With four rounds of the BTCC remaining, Jackson and Motorbase are on course for an historic title win. The Wrotham team, competing as Airwaves Racing in the series, continue to lead the independent teams' championship, although both that competition and the drivers' individual battle both look like going down to the wire.

Jackson said: "It's the first time I've led the championship and it feels great, but I feel chuffed to bits for team boss David Bartrum, team manager Oly Collins, chief engineer Dave Potter and the rest of the



WINNER: Mat Jackson is cheered home by his Motorbase team as he takes the chequered flag to win

race three at

Snetterton

Motorbase crew who run our

"Don't let it be forgotten we're a privateer team taking on the bigger budget factory teams. We're the underdogs and maybe we're starting to get under their skin a bit, going by the comments coming our way. It's all mind games and we'll not fall for it."

The fact Jackson leads the

way is even more impressive given a disappointing qualifying session which saw him line up 13th for race one. A deternined drive saw him come home sixth and he repeated the feat in race two. His four race wins have made the headlines this season, but it has been his consistently high finishes which have given him a genuine chance of taking the title.

Bartrum said: "I'm a very proud man, my team is leading the championship for the first time and it is a fantastic testament to all the hard work of everyone involved and the ever determined Mat Jackson.

"I shall be even more proud when we're having this conversation after the flag has dropped at the last race of the championship at Silverstone in October."

KENT CRICKET LEAGUE

Nevill clash could prove crucial as Bekker looks to steer Wells to safety

THE battle to avoid relegation from the Kent League Premier Division reaches a crossroads this weekend when Tunbridge Wells host fellow strugglers The Mote.

Sitting 21 points above the drop zone, a win would leave the Wells comfortably clear of danger, but skipper Evert Bekker knows defeat could leave his side in some peril with three games remaining.

"It's a very important game, given the positions of the two teams," he said. "It does become very close and they'll be determined to get a result themselves. Hopefully we can make home advantage count.

"We could have done with a few more wins but we've got four games left. We don't want to leave ourselves in the hands of other teams so it's important we play good cricket."

The Wells lost to champions Bromley by six wickets last weekend, while Sevenoaks Vine beat Lordswood to move



SKIPPER: Evert Bekker leads Tunbridge Wells against The Mote

fourth in the table.

Just five points cover the bottom three clubs in Division Two, offering basement club Holmesdale hope of survival. The Sevenoaks side are away to Hythe on Saturday.

Linden Park are back on

top of Division Three for their trip to Sidcup, while Division Five leaders Cowdrey travel to Wickham Park on the back of a 51-run win over Chislehurst & West Kent.

In Division One eighth-placed Tenterden host Broadstairs.

GINETTA SUPERCUP

More mixed fortunes for Hill at Snetterton

JAKE Hill returned to the podium at Snetterton although his weekend's racing in the Ginetta GT Supercup was far from incident-free.

Having re-joined Tollbar Racing for the meeting, the Goudhurst racer stormed past Jody Fannin to win race one by almost three seconds.

Hill, 17, started race two from pole but he had to retire after clipping a marker bale. Forced to borrow spare parts from a rival team for race three, he tangled with Aaron Williamson but brought his damaged G50 car home in fourth.

INDYCAR SERIES

Conway's Ohio charge cut short by exhaust

A BROKEN exhaust clamp denied Mike Conway a top-six finish in the Honda 200 at Mid Ohio.

The 27-year-old, from Sevenoaks, endured a frustrating qualifying session and started Sunday's race 17th on the grid.

Having held his position early on, he was running 11th by lap 54 and then moved up to sixth following his second pit stop. However, problems with the gears forced Conway to pit again and his Andretti Autosport team discovered some of his wiring had melted.

The series heads to Loudon this weekend.

RUGRY

New signings give TJs timely boost ahead of National League debut

By Steve Tervet

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TONBRIDGE Juddians have made two significant signings ahead of this weekend's warmup game at Blackheath as they look to add the depth needed to make them competitive in the National League.

Open-side flanker Buster Collins has joined TJs from Kent rivals Dover, while the club have also recruited the services of Mase Leuluniu, a backrow forward from New Zealand. Leuluniu has played for Wellington in his home country while Collins comes with a reputation as one of the top performers in Kent, both at club level and in the county championship.

TJs head coach Peter Dankert said: "The new signings will strengthen the team. I'm pleased to announce we've signed Buster Collins from Dover, he's played county level and won plaudits for that.

"Now, he wants to do that week in, week out. We're pleased to have him on board but saying that, it won't be a walk-in slot, he's got to earn his place.

"Chris Blom went back to play in South Africa [this summer] and Mase plays in the back row, so Buster knows he's up against stiff opposition but he was still willing to come."

TJs, gearing up for life in National 3 London & South East after three consecutive promotions, are missing several of their senior players for the trip to face Blackheath at Well Hall on Saturday.





RECRUITING: TJs head coach Peter Dankert (above) has been strengthening his squad over the summer in preparation for National League rugby

Dankert admits they could not be facing a much more difficult pre-season opener, but insisted he would learn from the fixture whatever happened

He said: "It's a bit of a difficult one for us because we've got 12 first-team players to choose from, although that gives us an opportunity to look at some of the youngsters and see whether they can make the step up. At this time of year, people have got to have their summer holidays so we'll have to select from what's available.

"The first-team we'll put out should be quite strong, it'll have eight or nine of the core team from last year and a couple of new players will have a start. We won't be too bad, but we'll start weak in one or two areas.

"If we'd been at full-strength, I'd have loved it. Hindsight's a wonderful thing but either way, Blackheath will be a very difficult fixture. Last week, they got beaten quite comfortably [by London Scottish] but these pre-season games aren't an indicator of how a team will play, they're a chance to look at things and see how new people will get on."

When the clubs met in the semi-final of last season's Kent Cup, TJs ran out 46-16 winners against

Blackheathens, the second-string side which represents Blackheath in the competition.

Saturday's reunion is likely to throw up a very different outcome but for Dankert, it provides a taster of where TJs have set their long-term sights.

"At the moment, they're well out of our league and we'll be pitting our wits against players who have played a good class of rugby," he said.

"We want to be putting Tonbridge Juddians' name alongside the famous name of Blackheath in the future. It could be three or four years off yet but that's the direction the club wants to head in."

ATHLETICS

Grand Prix test at Crystal Palace a real test for teen Tonbridge runners

THE next generation of middledistance runners at Tonbridge Athletic Club were given a thorough examination at last week's London Grand Prix meeting.

Robbie Farnham-Rose, Luca Russo and Henry Pearce all featured in the men's under-20, 3000m race at Crystal Palace, with the trio experiencing mixed fortunes.

A personal best of 8:23.07 was enough for Farnham-Rose to come home eighth, while Russo ran a reasonably strong race to finish 16th. Pearce, who crossed the line 24th, was less than impressed with his performance, but Tonbridge coach Mark Hookway said all three would benefit from the experience of running on the big stage.

"Robbie ran his first 3km of the year, so you can look at it either way," he said. "First of all, he ran a personal best by three seconds which was quite a relief after a poor run the week before at the UK Championships.

"He targeted the 1500m this year so there's that aspect as well. When they made a break, he should possibly have gone with them, but he didn't have the confidence. Luca also ran pretty well, 16th out of 24, but Henry ran what he called a 'horrible, embarrassing race' which sometimes happens. It's good experience for them and they've all got at least one more year [in that event].

"Robbie definitely gained from [running there last year], not just in terms of the others in his race but the international athletes swanning around, warming up.

"When you've got that, and a big crowd, you can get distracted, and the whole of the back straight was pretty much packed for their

Meanwhile, Tonbridge's George Duggan took the under-15 800m title at the South of England Championships in Ashford last week in 2:03.18. Laurie Probert came sixth in the under-17 1500m final, running a time of 4:13.11.





EXPERIENCE: Robbie Farnham-Rose (top) and Henry Pearce raced in London

ATHLETICS

Purple patch continues for in-form Bosworth in Ireland

TIRED legs failed to stop race walker Tom Bosworth continuing his fine form last weekend with a personal best at the Irish national 10-kilometre race.

Bosworth, from Sevenoaks, was returning to action just a week after setting a new British record in the 5km walk at the UK Championships in Birmingham. The 21-year-old clocked 42:06 in Ireland and admitted afterwards that fatigue had prevented him from going even faster.

"I was quite pleased," Bosworth said.
"I was hoping to go a couple of minutes faster but in the second-half of the race, my legs were very tired from the previous week. In hindsight, I wouldn't have had the two races so close together. In the first half, I was on for a very good time but in the second half, it hurt a lot.

"You try to plan your season at the beginning of each year, but you don't know about injuries and how well you're going to perform. We looked at a few races to fill August with the national championships being my main aim, but nobody, including myself, knew how much I'd flog my body in the 5k."

A member of Tonbridge Athletic Club, Bosworth's next competitive out-



PERSONAL BEST: Tom Bosworth

ing will be over 20k on September 25.
"I'm pleased with the PB, which was the fastest time by a Brit this year," he said. "I'm definitely in the form of my life and it's perfect for the last few races and going into the winter."

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FOOTBALL



DETERMINED: Tonbridge captain Scott Kinch

Angels skipper vows Maidstone defeat will spur side into action

SCOTT Kinch has urged his Tonbridge Angels team-mates to use last weekend's pre-season defeat to Maidstone United as a motivational tool when they kick-off the new season at Maidenhead on Saturday.

The Angels skipper struggled to rationalise their 2-1 defeat to the Stones, a game which saw Tonbridge outplayed by their local rivals on a flat afternoon at Longmead. Kinch pulled no punches in his assessment of the performance and said the Angels must learn quickly in order to pick up the pace of Conference South.

He said: "Everyone's here because everyone can play, but going on Saturday's performance, we just weren't good enough. I'm lost for words how we performed, because it's as though we've taken a step back.

"We know it wasn't good enough and we've got to pick our heads up and go out and prove a point next Saturday. We all know we can play, as we showed last year, but for some reason or another it just wasn't there.

"We can't dwell on Saturday's game and the pre-season results we've had, because that's what pre-season's about, trying people in different places. The majority of the boys that are still here from last year, we all know we can play football, and the players he [manager Tommy Warrilow] has brought in, it's because they can play as well. There's no doubt we can get the ball down and play and we deserve to be where

Tonbridge have been handed a daunting set of fixtures to start the new campaign. In the first three weeks of the season, they face five of last season's top-eight sides, but Kinch is up for the battle.

He said: "Don't get me wrong, the boys are looking forward to better grounds, better football and we can't wait for the season to start.

"We've gone a league higher and the boys are looking forward to it. It'll be a good test but there's no reason why we can't do what we did last year."

MAIDENHEAD V TONBRIDGE ANGELS:



KICK-OFF: Tonbridge Angels are looking to make a winning start to life in Conference South this weekend

Waiting over as Tonbridge begin life in the Conference

By Steve Tervet

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TONBRIDGE Angels begin their Conference South adventure in Berkshire on Saturday as Tommy Warrilow takes his newly-promoted side to face Maidenhead United.

The Angels manager guided his side to promotion via the Ryman Premier Division play-offs last season despite a tepid start to the campaign, winning just one of their first six games.

Conference football represents unchartered territory for Tonbridge, and Warrilow is braced for the challenge ahead.

He said: "We learnt from last year, we've got a very tough start in a very difficult league and I'm just hoping that the higher we go, the more we raise our game.

"I'm not going to predict anything, I'm not going to say stay in the league, to get play-offs, to get this, get that. I'm not going to say this, that or the other, we've done fantastically to get there and my key aim is not to throw all the hard work away." The visitors are missing Lewis Taylor and Frannie Collin through injury, but summer signings Ben Andrews, Tim Olorunda, Anthony Storey and Jon Main are all likely to play some part against the Magpies, who narrowly staved off relegation last season.

Warrilow's side stumbled to a 2-1 defeat at home to Maidstone United in their final pre-season friendly last weekend and the boss knows they cannot afford a repeat performance when the first whistle blows on Saturday.

"If we play like that, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to work out we'll be coming straight back down," Warrilow said. "If we play like that, we've got no chance, at any level.

"Pre-season is about getting match fitness, trying to get a bit of shape amongst the side but it all counts for nothing until Saturday.

"Who knows until next week? Even if we win at Maidenhead, it doesn't matter, we've just got to make sure we don't get carried away with whichever start we have because it's going to be a very long season."

I FOOTBALL



GOAL THREAT: Jon Main

Warrilow left with selection conundrum

IT'S true that results count for nothing in pre-season, but Tonbridge Angels fans have been given plenty of food for thought by their side's performances this summer.

A 10-0 defeat to Brentford kicked the debate off. The Bees were far superior to any team Angels will face this season but Tommy Warrilow's defence now looks low on confidence. One clean sheet in seven outings underlines their fragility.

At the other end of the field, Warrilow has a wealth of attacking talent, although shoe-horning Jon Main, Ade Olorunda, Frannie Collin and Lee Browning into the same side may not be the answer.

Collin's ankle injury is likely to keep him out for several weeks, but his initial misfortune could be Tonbridge's long-term gain if it forces Warrilow to tinker with the shape, and balance of his side.

A game of opinions football may be, but Warrilow's is the one which counts and his track record proves the Longmead faithful should trust him again.

FOOTBALL

Longmead crowds to play vital role in club's fortunes this season

CROWD figures at Longmead are likely to play a crucial role for Tonbridge Angels this season as the club looks to hold its own in Conference South for the first time.

The momentum of promotion, coupled with increased away support, should significantly boost attendances at Tonbridge.

Garry Pass, who has invested heavily in the club over the past few seasons, says this season's playing budget has been based around an increase of around 100 fans per home game.

"If you look at the average crowds across Conference South, against

those in the Ryman Premier, that's how we've gauged it," he said. "Our average last year was around 500 and in the Conference South, the average was 600 so that's what we're looking at.

"The visiting teams will make a difference, we've been advised Woking could bring up to 1,000 to our place and Dartford, Dover and maybe Welling will travel well for the derby games."

Pass admits the excitement of the Angels' play-off win in May has been tempered slightly by a mixed pre-season campaign, but sees no reason why they cannot consoli-



KEY: Crowds at Longmead could prove vital for Tonbridge again this season

date their new-found status.

He said: "When we set out our business plan, the aim in the first year was to be promoted, which we've achieved. The next three years were to establish ourselves in Conference South and the last year was to have a go at getting promoted to Conference Premier.

"I hope for the sake of the town that they come out and support us and that we stay in it." TUNBRIDGE WELLS

Keeper injury stuns Wells ahead of season opener

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TUNBRIDGE Wells kick off the new season on Saturday with big question marks hanging over the vacant goalkeeper's jersey for their opening game against newly-promoted Cray Valley.

Michal Czanner, the first-choice Wells stopper, will miss the start of the new Kent League campaign after aggravating a long-term groin injury.

Early reports suggested he would be sidelined for two months and although manager Martin Larkin insisted that prognosis had been premature. Czanner's decision to see a specialist this week left the Wells boss in a race against time to bring in emergency cover.

The only obvious alternative is youth-team goalkeeper Callum Hampson, who has minimal experience at senior level. Larkin may have to turn to his teenage stopper if he is unable to pull a rabbit from the hat and bring in a fresh face just days before the start of the new campaign.

"That's the decision we're looking at, at the moment," he said. "Callum's very talented but the Kent League is an uncompromising place and we don't want to damage his long-term development by coming in too early.

"He's done very well in the games he's played in, though, he played in two full games in preseason and we won them both.

"It's nigh-on impossible [to get a new goal-keeper at this stage]. Anyone who's any good is signed up and when we realised what had happened, it was too late to put any seven-day approaches in.

"Reports on [Czanner's injury] have been a little bit premature but we need to work out what we're going to do about it if the worst comes to the worst. He's got an ongoing groin issue which he deals with on a day-to-day basis but unfortunately, at this point, it's tipped over the balance and he feels he needs to see a specialist so we're not going to know until then."



CROCKED: Tunbridge Wells' Michal Czanner will miss the start of the new season with a groin injury

The goalkeeping crisis has overshadowed an otherwise positive pre-season campaign for the Wells. Victory over Ryman League side Whyteleafe last weekend was their fifth in sixth summer outings, with Tom Davey, Andy McMath and Carl Cornell on target in the 3-2 win.

Saturday's opponents Cray Valley, promoted from the Kent County League at the end of last season, will be keen to make a winning start at Culverden on Saturday, but Larkin is determined his side will spoil their debut.

"It's their first game in the Kent League so we'll need to go in and show them how good we are," he said. "They've got some very good ex-Kent League players in their ranks so we've got to be aware of that and nullify what they've got." Other than Czanner, Larkin has no injury

Other than Czanner, Larkin has no injury concerns for the game, meaning new signings Andy Irvine, Nick Nowotny, Steve Grading and Joe Risby are all in line to make their competitive debuts for the club. Gary Clarke, who re-joined the club in July, should start in midfield.



READY: Rusthall start the season on August 20

RUSTHALL

Millins joins Rusthall's management team as squad continues to take shape

RUSTHALL have tinkered with their first team set-up ahead of the new season by naming Martin Millins as joint-manager alongside Nick Coxon.

Coxon was set to take sole charge of the Rustics following John Ronaldson's appointment as chairman, but will now share the coaching duties with Millins as the club prepare to compete in the inaugural Kent Invicta Leaque.

He said: "It was the first season where we'd had joint-managers and it worked in a way where the roles were shared. That should be the same with me and Nick.

"Playing at Step Six will be a good test for the club, we've got good strength within the squad and we're looking to go with youngsters and a back-up of senior players."

Rusthall kick-off the new league season at Meridian on August 20. Ashford United are many people's favourites for the title, but Millins insists the Rustics will not fear any of their opponents.

He said: "There's a big variety of teams in the league this season. I'm not sure we'll be competing in terms of winning the title, but we'll certainly prove difficult to beat.

"We've got our final friendly on Saturday [at home to West Wickham] and we're hoping to field pretty much our strongest side for the coming season. I think we'll add a few more players within the next few weeks, but we're probably there or thereabouts now."

Their squad is nearing completion with Millins and Coxon expecting to make only minor changes in the final week of pre-season.

"We're aware of some people, senior players who could come back, and there are other players we've been offered on a loan basis. We'll weigh up the options but we've got a decent squad.

"We're good friends with those clubs [like Tunbridge Wells] and obviously with us hosting the Courier Cup at Jockey Farm, it continues the good relationship with each other" SEVENOAKS TOWN



FRESH FACE: Aiden Sherlock could feature

Town boss ready for a new era

DARREN Anslow is quietly confident as he prepares to take charge of Sevenoaks Town in a competitive game for the first time this weekend.

The Town manager takes his side to Holmesdale on Saturday, hoping to make a winning start to the Kent League season with a squad totally different to the one which finished the last campaign under Keith Levett's stewardship.

Anslow is pleased with the way his new-look team has progressed through pre-season, but insists their development will be gradual.

"My expectation is for us to do as well as we can," he said. "Everyone goes into [the league] wanting to win it but I just want us to be competitive. It's our first year and we'll see. I'm not going to make any bold statements but I feel pretty confident, if we can keep the ball well and length it shout!"

Striker Richmond Kissi is available for selection after missing Town's final friendly game, a 3-1 win at Crockenhill in which Alex King scored twice for the visitors. Aiden Sherlock, who spent last season with Ebbsfleet United and Maidstone United, could make his competitive Sevenoaks debut in defence, while midfielder Dan Langiano is another likely starter.

However, Callum O'Shea will not feature in the Town squad despite playing for Anslow's side at Crockenhill. The midfielder has since agreed to join Cray Valley, a decision which displeased the Town boss.

He said: "It's a bit of a weird one and Callum's obviously got his own reasons for it.

"He's known me for a long time, he's been with me for a long time, but that's players for you.

"I'll find another one and I'll move on, and we'll look forward to playing against him.

"I watched Holmesdale in pre-season and they've got a couple of decent forwards. They've got a decent pitch so with the way we try to play, there will be no excuses."



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